



# Round Top-Carmine Independent School District

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July 20, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The 87th Texas Legislature, Regular Session passed Senate Bill (SB) 1697, which amends state law to allow parents and guardians to elect for a student to repeat a grade or retake a high school course, per Texas Education Code (TEC) §28.02124. The legislation, which went into effect on June 16, 2021, gives parents or guardians the right to opt for their child to –

- repeat prekindergarten;
- enroll in prekindergarten if the child was eligible to enroll in prekindergarten in the previous school year, under TEC, §29.153(b), and has not yet enrolled in kindergarten;
- repeat kindergarten;
- enroll in kindergarten if the child would have enrolled in kindergarten in the previous school year and has not yet enrolled in first grade; and
- for grades one through three, repeat the grade the student was enrolled in the previous school year;
- for the 2021-2022 school year only, parents or guardians have the right to opt for their child for grades four through eight, repeat the grade the student was enrolled in during the 2020-2021 school year; and
- for courses taken for high school credit, repeat any course in which the student was enrolled during the 2020-2021 school year. (The current grade will stand, however.)

If you are interested in any of these options, be sure to read the information provided by TEA at:

<https://tea.texas.gov/repeatgrade>

<https://tea.texas.gov/restartkinder>

Parents or guardians are required to notify the school district in writing by July 29, 2021 if they elect for their child to retake a grade level or course. A school district may disagree with a parent who elects to have their child retake a grade level or course. If a district disagrees, the district must convene a retention committee and meet with the parent or guardian to discuss the proposed retention. After the parent/ guardian has participated in the retention committee meeting, the parent or guardian will decide if the student will be retained. The district is required to abide by the parent's or guardian's decision.

While this legislation was passed to help with schools that were closed to in-person learning all or most of this school year, it does apply to everyone.

Before determining if you feel your child would be best served by repeating the previous grade, be sure to read the guidelines on the website referenced above.

Please call the school if you have any questions.

RaChelle Kuecker – High School (979-966-6118)

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