



EAGLE MOUNTAIN SAGINAW ISD

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Dear Parent:

Recent legislation, House Bill 657, communicates changes to the Admission, Review, and Dismissal (ARD) process regarding state assessments. Not later than September 1st of each school year, EMS ISD must notify parents of the options of the ARD committee if the student does not perform satisfactorily on an assessment instrument.

For Eagle Mountain-Saginaw students who participate in special education who do not perform satisfactorily on the state assessment, the student's ARD committee must meet before the student is administered the assessment for the second time. The ARD committee shall determine:

1. The manner in which the student will participate in an accelerated instruction program; and,
2. Whether the student will be promoted or retained.

At this ARD meeting, the committee may promote the student to the next grade level if the committee concludes that the student has made sufficient progress in the measureable academic goals contained in the student's individualized education program. A school district that promotes a student under this rule is not required to provide an additional opportunity for the student to perform satisfactorily on the assessment instrument.

For further information on the assessment requirements and ARD committee responsibilities, please contact your campus administrator or special education case manager.

Sincerely,

Dr. Linda Parker
Deputy Superintendent