

**PELHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY**  
**JG – ASSIGNMENT OF STUDENTS TO CLASSES AND GRADE LEVELS**

*Category: Recommended*

Students in grades kindergarten through eight will be enrolled in grades and classes that are age-appropriate and in which they can be expected to progress adequately in the context of the District's required general curriculum. At the high school level, students will be placed in grades and classes that will allow them to accomplish District instructional and learning objectives, earn a high school diploma, and prepare adequately for a successful transition to post-secondary education, training, or employment. All students who are included under the compulsory attendance law must be enrolled and required to attend all classes prescribed by the State and the District unless exempt by the school authorities.

Students will be placed in the grade level and class that best meets the student's academic and overall educational needs. Students transferring into the School District will be placed in the grade level and class that best meets the student's overall educational needs, after review of the records from the student's prior school, and after consultation between the building principal, the student's parents, and (if applicable) a guidance counselor.

Students receiving special education services will be placed in accordance with applicable law.

When disagreement regarding the placement arises, the building principal will determine the placement of the student after consultation with the student's parent/guardian and (if applicable) a guidance counselor or professionals knowledgeable about the student and his/her educational needs. The decision of the building principal regarding student placement may be appealed to the Superintendent, and then to the School Board.

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**District Policy History:**

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**Legal References:**

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