

**ADMISSION OF NEW RESIDENTS AND STUDENTS
FROM UNACCREDITED SCHOOLS**

Grade placement shall be the responsibility of the principal. In general, pupils transferring into the system from accredited schools will be placed in the same grade level as in the school from which they transferred.

A student of compulsory school age, that has been attending an unaccredited school or receiving alternate instruction (SDCL 13-27-3) and enrolls in the school district, shall be placed at the student's demonstrated level of proficiency as established by one (1) or more standardized tests. The student's initial placement may not be in a grade level higher than warranted by the student's chronological age assuming entry into the first grade at age six (6) and annual advancement thereafter. After initial placement the student may be advanced according to his demonstrated performance.

High school credit will be accepted from high schools approved by the State Department of Education and/or regional accrediting agencies similar to the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. A student, who has attended an unaccredited school or has been receiving alternate instruction (SDCL 13-27-3) and enrolls in the school district, shall be placed in English and mathematics at the level of achievement demonstrated by one (1) or two (2) standardized tests. In all other subjects the principal shall take into consideration transcripts; general achievement; and mental, physical, emotional, and social maturity of the student before grade placement. The student's initial placement may not be in a grade level higher than warranted by the student's chronological age assuming entry into the first grade at age six (6) and annual advancement thereafter. After initial placement the student may be advanced according to his demonstrated performance. A student to graduate from high school must meet graduation requirements of the state and school district.

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