A.3.1 Mastery and Promotion

In order to advance to the next grade level, students in grades K-6 must receive a grade of 60 percent or higher in all core subjects: English/language arts, mathematics, social studies/history, and science. Students in 6th grade must also pass Comprehensive Exams in each core subject.

So long as there is space available, students are eligible to enroll at BASIS Mesa K-6 at any grade level; however, it is critical that students are given every opportunity for academic success and are not unfairly set up for insurmountable academic challenges that could result in failure. Upon enrolling in the school, students will be given diagnostic tests to determine their academic grade level and prior academic experience and retention. If these tests were to reveal that a student would not be prepared for a successful transition to the grade-level work typical at BASIS, the Director, Student Affairs will meet with the student and his or her parent/guardian to determine a plan that will create a successful transition to the rigorous academic program. Such a plan might include creating a Student Support Program unique to the student, or consideration of having the student enter BASIS Mesa K-6 at a lower grade level. BASIS reserves the right to place students in the grade level aligned to their academic preparedness, even if that is lower than the grade level the student's age suggests.

Sixth grade students who fail to pass Comprehensive Exams do not qualify for promotion status. To remedy their promotion status, these students' parents/guardians must formally request, in writing, permission to obtain conditional promotion status. If this is granted, students are given the opportunity to repeat the Comprehensive Exam over the summer. Students then advance from conditional promotion status to promotion status if they pass the exam on this second attempt.

Students who fail to earn promotion status, fail to obtain conditional promotion status, or fail to advance from conditional promotion status to promotion status, are held back. Additionally, 3rd grade students who Fall Far Below the Arizona standards on the PARCC reading examination will be retained. They will be enrolled in the same grade again for the next school year.