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**TO: HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS
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CRITERIA FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRESSION IN GRADES 10 TO 12.

1. The *Regulations Pertaining to the National Curriculum Statement Grades R-12*, promulgated per Notice No. R1114 in Regulation Gazette No. 9886 of 28 December 2012, states that a learner may be retained only once in the Further Education and Training Phase in order to prevent the learner from being retained in this phase for longer than four years.
2. This implies that a learner who has not met the promotion requirements in either Grade 10 or Grade 11, after repeating the grade, may be progressed to the next grade.
3. The purpose of this circular is to align the regulations above with the minimum requirements of the National Senior Certificate to ensure that a learner who is progressed meets certain basic criteria, which will assist the learner to cope with the demands of the next grade.
4. This circular provides criteria to assist school principals to determine which of the learners referred to paragraph (2), should be progressed.
5. At the meeting of the Council of Education Ministers held on 14 August 2015, it was agreed that the following criteria should be used to determine learner progression to the next grade. Learners should only be progressed if they satisfy the following criteria:

- a) The learner must have failed to satisfy the promotion requirements of either Grade 10 or Grade 11 and repeated either Grade 10 or Grade 11;
 - b) The learner must have passed the Language of Learning and Teaching (LoLT) and another three of the seven subjects offered;
 - c) The learner must have attended school on a regular basis. Absenteeism in excess of 20 days, without a valid reason, will disqualify the learner from being progressed;
 - d) The learner must have complied with the prescribed school-based assessment (SBA) requirements for that academic year.
6. A learner must satisfy all the criteria above to be considered for progression to the next grade.
7. Attached find a document entitled *Guideline for the Implementation of Promotion and Progression in Grades 10 - 12 (2015)*, which provides further elucidation on the implementation of this dispensation and articulates a suggested procedure for the implementation of the Regulations.
8. This circular must be implemented with immediate effect in Grade 10 and Grade 11.
9. For further guidance on this matter, please contact Dr RR Poliah, on email address: Poliah.r@dbe.gov.za or 012 357 3900.
10. Your support with the implementation of this circular is greatly appreciated.



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