

SUMMERS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY

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PROPER PLACEMENT OF STUDENTS TRANSFERRING INTO SUMMERS COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Any student entering any Summers County School from a non-graded, non-traditional, non-accredited, or home school, whether in Summers County or not, shall be placed in a classroom level commensurate with his/her ability and/or achievement. Any student transferring from any traditional or graded school not apparently able to function at the level to which he/she wishes to enter into the Summers County schools, will also be placed at a level commensurate with his/her ability and/or achievement.

The level of achievement shall be established partially on the basis of previous records, but primarily on the basis of an objective test designed to measure the student's level of ability and/or achievement. This test shall be the Peabody Individual Achievement Test (PIAT) and shall be administered by the Director of Student Services or designee. The principal of the school shall make all placements after consultation with the Director of Student Services.

A child entering public schools from a non-graded, non-traditional, non-accredited or home school and placed in grades 9-12 will not be awarded credit for courses completed in home schooling. However, parents have the right to an appeal. In the appeal process, parents will provide a portfolio of work completed and will present the portfolio to a committee consisting of the principal, counselor, home school representative, and department head(s) for the subject(s) in which the student requests credit. If this committee decides to consider awarding credit, they will indicate if additional testing/documentation is required or if the information presented is sufficient. If additional documentation is required, upon its submission, the committee will make the final decision regarding awarding of credit. Grading will be based upon pass/fail.

Seventy-five percent (75%) of high school credits must be from an accredited public or private school in order for the student to compete for awards or scholarships in Summers County.