

### **Grouping for Instruction**

All students are expected to meet state and local academic performance standards. The Pitt County Board of Education acknowledges that heterogeneous grouping usually is the best means of meeting the educational goals of the board. Pitt County Schools will use the following factors: (1) academic achievement; (2) best interest of the individual student; and (3) best interest of the class in student assignment to heterogeneous classes.

The principal has the authority to assign students to classes (see Policy 9.303, Grade and Class Assignment and Registration), including the authority to group students for instruction in accordance with this policy. However, the principal is encouraged to include others in this decision-making process.

This policy is not intended to alter teachers' discretion to group for instruction within classes. Such ad hoc grouping also may be considered as an intervention strategy to improve student performance. However, ad hoc grouping for daily instruction should not result in isolation for a major portion of the school day.

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**Legal References:** G.S. 115C-47, -81, -276, -288

**Cross References:** Policies 9.303 (Grade and Class Assignment and Registration), 9.616 (Promotion Standards), & 10.001 (Student Policy Goals and Objectives)