

**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 students demonstrated level of proficiency as established by one or more standardized tests and or established criteria & reference 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 and annual advancement thereafter. After initial placement the student may be advanced according to his/her demonstrated performance.