

# Downey Unified School District

## INSTRUCTION

### COMBINATION-GRADE CLASSES

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In order to conform to the established pupil-teacher ratio, combination-grade classes may be necessary in elementary schools. Combination and/or multi-grade classes are established with the understanding that pupils assigned to those classes will receive the same educational opportunities they would ordinarily receive in a regular classroom. To this end the following considerations shall be given when establishing combination classes:

1. If possible the range of educational achievement shall be shortened by assigning pupils who are working at or above grade level to combination classes.
2. Pupils assigned to combination classes should possess good independent study habits.
3. The physical, social, and emotional maturity of the child can be determining factors in placement.