**Act 66 Explained**

On June 30th Act 66 of 2021 was signed into law that allows parents and students new options concerning the upcoming 2021-2022 school year.

Parents of students with disabilities who attained age 21 during the 2020-2021 school year or who will attain age 21 during this summer can elect an additional year of education during 2021-2022. Parents of all students, and students themselves if they are 18, can elect retention during the 2021-2022 school year at the grade level they were in during the 2020-2021 school year.

The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) posted the [**Act 66 of 2021 Student Grade Level Retainment Notification Form**](https://www.education.pa.gov/Schools/safeschools/emergencyplanning/COVID-19/SchoolReopeningGuidance/ReopeningPreKto12/Pages/Student-Grade-Level-Retainment-(Act-66).aspx)  on July 6th which must be completed if making either of these elections. Additional information and PDE’s FAQ’s on Act 66 of 2021 can be accessed via the following [**LINK**](https://www.education.pa.gov/Schools/safeschools/emergencyplanning/COVID-19/SchoolReopeningGuidance/ReopeningPreKto12/Pages/Student-Grade-Level-Retainment-(Act-66).aspx)**.**

Individuals who wish to take advantage of this election must download, complete, and submit the [**Act 66 of 2021 Student Grade Level Retainment Notification Form**](https://www.education.pa.gov/Schools/safeschools/emergencyplanning/COVID-19/SchoolReopeningGuidance/ReopeningPreKto12/Pages/Student-Grade-Level-Retainment-(Act-66).aspx) **by 12:00 P.M. on Thursday, July 15, 2021**EITHER digitally via [**email**](mailto:act66@eastpennsd.org) or in-person to their school district’s office. Please note the July 15, 2021 deadline was set by the Pennsylvania General Assembly.