

STUDENTS**Progress****Promotion/Retention**

The Board of Education recognizes that all children need to be promoted from grade to grade, after having accomplished success in an age appropriate program which measures student progress and ensures continuous academic achievement. Students who, on the basis of objective measures of academic proficiency, can reasonably be expected to meet the instructional/learning objectives at the next educational level may be promoted.

1. Recommendation for promotion shall take into consideration all test data, student report cards, teacher recommendations and parent concerns.
2. Each school shall designate staff to serve on a child study team to assist when there is a question about promotion of children. The child study team shall consist of the building principal, the child's primary classroom teacher, necessary support staff, parents and/or child advocates and any other individuals deemed in the best interest of the child.
3. Recommendation to withhold promotion may be made by teachers, parents or guardians and at appropriate age levels may be requested by the child.
4. The decision not to promote will be a joint decision which will include all members of the child study team.
5. If consensus is not reached, the final decision will be made by the principal. When parents disagree with the team decision, they will be required to sign a statement to that effect. In all cases of promotion or retention, the parent/guardian is to be fully involved and informed throughout the promotion/retention decision-making process. Parents will be notified as early as possible that retention is being considered and except in very unusual circumstances, no later than March 15. The Principal shall be responsible for making the final decision as to retention and assignment.
6. Progress toward high school graduation shall be based on the student's ability to pass the subjects and electives necessary to earn the required number of credits.

Legal Reference:

Connecticut General Statutes §10-221(b)

Public Act 99-288 "An Act Concerning Education Accountability"

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