

## PROMOTION AND RETENTION OF STUDENTS

The general policy of the Bristol Warren Regional School District is to encourage, challenge and assist each student to progress and excel at a rate which is consistent with his/her abilities. It is further noted that the mission and belief statement says in part that we must strive for excellence. This progress should include not only academic achievement, but social, physical, and emotional development as well. It is recognized, however, that individuals progress at widely varying rates and that on occasion, it may be in the best interest of the child, either to extend or shorten the nine-year period of time normally required to progress through the elementary and middle school grades (K-8). Accelerating or shortening may be affected by promotion, retention or acceleration.

Any decision to extend or shorten the nine-year period of time (K-8) of a student in elementary/ middle school shall be agreed upon by appropriate school personnel in consultation with the parents (custodial or guardian). When unanimous agreement is not reached, the decision shall rest with the principal.

In the event that shortening or extending the nine-year period of time normally required to progress through the grades involves both an elementary and the middle school or the middle and high school principals, both principals shall confer with appropriate school personnel and jointly agree on a course of action. When unanimous agreement is not reached, the decision shall rest with the current principal in the case of retention and with the receiving principal in the case of acceleration.

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