

POLICY

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The Board of Education recognizes that each child develops and grows in a unique pattern and that students should be placed in the educational setting most appropriate to their social, physical, and educational needs. Each student enrolled in this district shall be moved forward in a continuous program of learning in harmony with his/her own development.

Standards for student promotion shall be related to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards and district goals and objectives and to the accomplishments of students. A student in the elementary grades will be promoted to the next succeeding grade level when he/she has completed the course requirements at the presently assigned grade; has achieved the instructional objectives set for the present grade; has demonstrated the proficiencies required for movement into the educational program of the next grade; and has demonstrated the degree of social, emotional, and physical maturation necessary for a successful learning experience in the next grade.

Promotion policies and procedures will be provided to parent(s) or legal guardian(s) as appropriate. Parent(s) or legal guardian(s) and students shall be regularly informed during the school year of the student’s progress toward meeting promotion standards. A teacher who determines that a student’s progress may not be sufficient to meet promotion standards shall notify the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) and the student and offer immediate consultation to the student’s parent(s) or legal guardian(s). Every effort shall be made to remediate a student’s deficiencies before retention is recommended. The parent(s) or legal guardian(s) and, where appropriate, the student shall be notified of the possibility of the student’s retention at grade level in advance and, whenever feasible, no later than six weeks prior to the end of the school year.

School attendance shall be a factor in the determination of a student’s promotion or retention. Only extenuating circumstances should permit the promotion of a student who has been in attendance fewer than one hundred sixty-two days during the school year.

Classroom teachers shall recommend to the Building Principal the promotion or retention of each student. Parent(s) or legal guardian(s) and adult students may appeal a promotion or retention decision to the Superintendent whose decision shall be final.

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