

PROMOTION AND RETENTION

The Board of Education requires that all pupils move through the program of instruction in the public schools of this district in accordance with their individual academic and social growth. Promotion in grades kindergarten through 6 shall be based on consideration of each child's academic achievement as determined by teacher judgement using report card grades, achievement testing, and daily teacher observation as criteria. Social and emotional maturity will also be considered. The final determination for promotion resides with the building principal.

To be promoted from grade 7 to grade 8 and from grade 8 to grade 9 a pupil must receive a final passing grade in ELA literacy and mathematics. Furthermore, a pupil must receive a final passing grade in two out of three following core subjects: science, social studies and world languages. With the approval of the principal a pupil may attend an approved summer school to makeup a failed subject(s). The pupil must successfully pass the subject in order to be promoted to the next grade. Online courses are not accepted for credit as a new course. Online courses taken for a course previously failed will be accepted with prior approval of the principal.

In any event when a pupil is in danger of being retained at a grade level, prior notification of the parent is required. This notification must be made early enough so as to allow for the parent to participate in the development of intervention strategies that could assist the pupil in meeting grade level course requirements.

No pupil should be retained more than one time without Child Study Team consultation.

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Legal References: <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:4-24	Determining efficiency of schools; report to state board
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:7C-2	Boards of education; establishment of standards
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:35-4.9	Pupil promotion and remediation; policies and procedures
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:8-4.1	Statewide assessment system
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:8-4.2	Documentation of student achievement
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:8-5.1	Graduation requirements
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:30-1.1 <u>et seq.</u>	Evaluation of the Performance of School Districts
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:32-14.1	Review of mandated programs and services

Wheatley v. Board of Education of City of Burlington, 1974 S.L.D. 851

No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, PL. 107-110, 20 U.S.C.A. 6301 et seq.