

R 5410 PROMOTION AND RETENTION (M)

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The following rules are promulgated in accordance with the policy of the Board of Education dealing with the promotion and retention of pupils.

A. Standards/Philosophy for Pupil Promotion/Retention

Elementary and Intermediate Grade (PreK-eight) - A pupil will be promoted to the next succeeding grade level when he/she demonstrates the proficiencies required for movement into the next grade. In cases where the teacher, together with the Principal, feel that another year of maturity could reasonably ensure academic success (especially for pupil's in Kindergarten and first grade), a pupil can be recommended for retention. In such cases, agreement with the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) is preferred.

B. Standards for Pupil Promotion

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C. Procedures for Pupil Retention

1. Assumption:

The reason for not passing academic subjects is not due to a student's intelligence or disability, but a conscious effort to not comply with academic requirements that include studying for tests, completing homework assignments, poor attendance, unresponsiveness to intervention, and behavior in the classroom that does not promote opportunity of learning for oneself and others.

- a. Students in grades five through eight who fail Math, English, Social Studies, Science (based on A1 above) must attend summer school or forfeit promotion to the next grade level. Students who fail **THREE** subjects will be retained and are not eligible for summer school.
- b. Upon successful completion of summer sessions, student will be promoted to the next grade level. The final



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numerical grade WILL NOT change on the report card. A certificate of successful completion will be attached to the report card.

2. Parents(s) or legal guardians(s) and pupils will be provided a minimum of four marking period assessments and four mid-marking period notifications outlining the pupil's performance relative to promotional criteria.
3. Parent(s) or legal guardian(s) will be notified at the first indication of possible retention or summer school requirements based on inadequate performance indicated on mid-marking period reports and report cards.
4. A pupil with fewer than 160 days present in grades Kindergarten through eight will not be promoted to the next grade. Extenuating circumstances, as determined by the Building Principal, can waive the 160 day attendance requirements. Pupils in grades five through eight who are absent from individual classes in excess of twenty times per year must attend a summer school program and comply with Policy 2440. Classroom teachers will provide input to the Building Principal who makes the final decision concerning the promotion or retention of each pupil.
5. Parent(s) or legal guardian(s) may appeal a promotion/retention decision of the Principal to the Superintendent whose decision is final.

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