

SOUTHEASTERN GREENE SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: PROMOTION AND RETENTION

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215. PROMOTION AND RETENTION	
1. Purpose	The Board recognizes that the emotional, social, physical and educational development of students will vary and that students should be placed in the educational setting most appropriate to their needs. The district will establish and maintain high standards for each grade and monitor student achievement in a continuous and systematic manner.
2. Authority SC 1531, 1532 Title 22 Sec. 4.42	The Board establishes that each student shall be moved forward in a continuous pattern of achievement and development that corresponds with the student's development, the system of grade levels, and attainment of the academic standards established for each grade.
SC 1532 Pol. 213	A student shall be promoted when s/he has successfully completed the curriculum requirements and has achieved the academic standards established for the present level, based on the professional judgement of the teachers and the results of assessments. A student shall earn the right to advance to the next grade by demonstrating mastery of the required skills and knowledge.
3. Delegation of Responsibility Title 22 Sec. 4.12, 4.13	The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures for promotion and retention of students which assure that every effort will be made to remediate the student's difficulties before the student is retained.
SC 1532	The recommendation of the classroom teacher shall be required for promotion or retention of a student.
	The building principal shall be assigned the final responsibility for determining the promotion or retention of each student.
4. Guidelines	In all cases of retention, the parents/guardians shall be fully involved and informed throughout the process. Parents/Guardians and students shall be informed of the possibility of retention of a student well in advance.

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Pol. 212, 213	Academic achievement, attitude, effort, work habits, behavior, attendance and other factors related to learning shall be evaluated regularly and communicated to students and parents/guardians.
Pol. 213	The district shall utilize multiple measures of academic performance as determinants in promotion and retention decisions.
Pol. 217	<p>Progress toward high school graduation shall be based on the student's ability to achieve the established academic standards and pass the required subjects and electives necessary to earn the number of credits mandated by the Board for graduation.</p> <p>Any student who has failed to meet the requirements for academic promotion from one grade level to the next grade level for two (2) or more consecutive years may be placed in the next grade level by the building principal after receiving authorization from the Superintendent.</p> <p>This action shall take place only after consultation with the student's teachers and after a complete review of the student's educational records. These records include, but are not limited to, his/her transcripts, achievement and aptitude test scores, and chronological age.</p> <p>The Board desires to minimize the practice of promoting students to the next grade level when they are failing academically.</p>
School Code 1531, 1532, 1611, 1613	
PA Code Title 22 Sec. 4.12, 4.13, 4.42	
Board Policy 212, 213, 217	