

## 5410 PROMOTION AND RETENTION (M)

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

Standards for pupil promotion shall be related to the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards and district goals and objectives and to the accomplishments of pupils. A pupil in the elementary grades will be promoted to the next succeeding grade level when he or 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.

A high school pupil including a ninth grade pupil in the junior high school will be promoted to the next grade when he or she has completed, in the current school year, twenty-five percent of the credits required for high school graduation.

As stated in our attendance policy, a pupil must be in attendance for 162 or more days in order to be considered to have successfully completed the instructional program requirements of the grade/course to which he/she is assigned.

Promotion policies and procedures will be provided to parent(s) or legal guardian(s) as appropriate. Parents and pupils shall be regularly informed during the school year of the pupil's progress toward meeting promotion standards. A teacher who determines that a pupil's progress may not be sufficient to meet promotion standards shall notify the parent and the pupil and offer immediate consultation to the pupil's parent. Every effort shall be made to remediate a pupil's deficiencies before retention is recommended including but not limited to a referral to our district's I & RS team for students in grades K-6. The parent and, where appropriate, the pupil shall be notified of the possibility of the pupil'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 pupil's promotion or retention.



Classroom teachers shall recommend to the Principal the promotion or retention of each pupil. Parents and adult pupils may appeal a promotion or retention decision to the Principal whose decision shall be final.

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