

5410 PROMOTION AND RETENTION (M)

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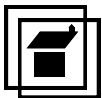
The Board of Education recognizes that each child develops and grows in a unique pattern and that pupils should be placed in the educational setting most appropriate to their social, physical, and educational needs. Each pupil enrolled in this district shall be moved forward in a continuous program of learning in harmony with his/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/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 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(s) or legal guardian(s) and the pupil and offer immediate consultation to the pupil's parent(s) or legal guardian(s). Every effort shall be made to remediate a pupil's deficiencies before retention is recommended. The parent(s) or legal guardian(s) and, where appropriate, the pupil shall be notified of the possibility of the pupil's retention at grade level in advance.

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

Pupils who have transferred from another school(s), located in a school district(s) other than Winslow Township, shall have their previous attendance record included in their attendance record while enrolled in Winslow Township. For the purpose of satisfying the minimum attendance requirement, for a given school year, both the attendance in the prior school(s), district(s), and the attendance in Winslow Township shall be combined. The Principal may provide an exception in extenuating circumstances.



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There is recognition that a pupil's ability to demonstrate basic skill proficiency, in the early grades, in language arts and/or mathematics is a critical component for future academic success. As such, in addition to considering standard performance indicators such as, pupil grades, attendance and teacher recommendations, pupils who have not demonstrated proficiency on any of the State tests administered in grades Kindergarten through eight, may be retained at grade level.

Classroom teachers shall recommend to the Building Principal the promotion or retention of each pupil. Parent(s) or legal guardian(s) and adult pupils may appeal a promotion or retention decision to the Principal whose decision shall be final. In lieu of retention, in circumstances where absence from school has resulted from extended periods of illness, documented by a physician's statement, the Principal may recommend pupil attendance in an after-school or summer school course/credit completion program.

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