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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 for Pupil Promotion

Elementary Schools - Kindergarten through Grade 6

A passing grade in reading and math is a minimum requirement for promotion in the elementary schools.

Middle School - Grade 7 and Grade 8

Four required academic subjects (English, social studies, mathematics, science) must be successfully completed for promotion to the next grade. Pupils who fail one or two of these subjects during the school year will have the opportunity to attend summer school. Successful completion of the required number of summer school courses is necessary for promotion to the next grade. Pupils who fail more than two of the above subjects during the regular school year will not have the opportunity to attend summer school.

High School - Grade 9 through Grade 12

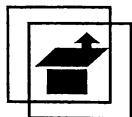
Grade level placement is based upon state and local graduation requirements.

Social Probation

Students who do not pass elective courses are subject to social probation during the following marking period. While on social probation students are not allowed to participate in extra curricular activities, intramurals, assemblies, dances, shows, and other activities determined by the Social Probation Committee. Student grades are reviewed each marking period. Social probation does not affect promotion to the next grade, but can prevent student participation in eight grade promotion exercises. Students will be monitored early into each social probation. If progress is reported, social probation may be reviewed at the discretion of the Principal.

B. Procedures for Pupil Promotion

1. A written copy of promotion standards will be given to all parents or legal guardians and pupils at the beginning of each year.



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2. Parents or legal guardians and pupils will be provided a minimum of four reports each year as to a pupil's progress towards meeting promotion standards.
3. Teachers who determine that a pupil's progress may not be sufficient to meet promotion standards shall notify the parent or legal guardian of the pupil and offer consultation with the parents or legal guardians.
4. In Grades K-8, the parent or legal guardian and where appropriate the pupil will be notified no later than three weeks prior to the end of the year when the possibility of a pupil not being promoted is determined.
5. A pupil with fewer than 150 days attendance in Grades K-8 will not be promoted to the next grade level. In Grades 9-12 the attendance policy in effect and published in the High School Handbook will be followed.
6. Extenuating circumstances as determined by the building principal can waive the 150 day attendance requirements for grades K-8. In the high school, an attendance appeal route is available for pupils whose attendance is in excess of the regulations specified in the attendance policy.
7. Classroom teachers shall provide input to the Principal who makes the decision concerning the promotion or retention of each pupil.

C. Procedure for Retention or Social Promotion

1. Grades K-8 - Classroom teachers must initiate the process by providing to the building principal complete forms in accordance with the timelines specified.
2. The Principal will review each case and in consultation with the teacher render a final decision.
3. Parents or legal guardians and adult pupils may appeal a promotion/retention decision to the Superintendent whose decision is final.

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