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### 5410 PROMOTION AND RETENTION

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 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.

Promotion standards will be announced to parents or legal guardians and pupils at the beginning of each school year and course of study. Parents or legal guardians 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 or legal guardian and the pupil and offer immediate consultation to the pupil's parent or legal guardian. Every effort shall be made to remediate a pupil's deficiencies before retention is recommended. The parent or legal guardian 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.

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



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Whenever this Policy shall be considered for revision, the Superintendent will insure that parents or legal guardians, teachers and where appropriate, students participate in the development of any revision.

N.J.S.A. 18A:35-4.9  
N.J.A.C. 6:8-7.1

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