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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 students.

#### A. Standards for Student Promotion

Elementary and Intermediate Grades (PreK-8) - A student will be promoted to the next succeeding grade level when he/she demonstrates the proficiencies required for movement into the next grade.

High School (9-12) - A student will be promoted to the next grade when he/she has completed, in the current school year, the number of credits required for that grade as indicated in the current High School Student Handbook.

- B. Procedures for Student Promotion
- 1. A written copy of promotion standards will be given to all parent(s) or legal guardian(s) and students at the beginning of each year.
- 2. Parent(s) or legal guardian(s) and students will be provided a minimum of three (3) reports each year as to a student's progress towards meeting promotion standards.
- 3. Teachers who determine that a student's progress may not be sufficient to meet promotion standards shall notify the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of the student and offer consultation with the parents or legal guardians.
- 4. In grades PreK-8, the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) and where appropriate the student will be notified no later than four (4) weeks prior to the end of the year when the possibility of a student not being promoted is determined.
- 5. A student with fewer than 150 days attendance in grades PreK-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 PreK-8. In the high school, an attendance



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appeal route is available for students 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 final decision concerning the promotion or retention of each student.
- C. Procedure for Retention or Social Promotion
- 1. Grades PreK-8 Classroom teachers must initiate the process by providing to the Building Principal complete forms in accordance with the specified timelines.
- 2. The Principal will review each case and in consultation with the teacher render a final decision.
- 3. Parent(s) or legal guardian(s) and adult students may appeal a promotion/retention decision to the Superintendent whose decision is final.

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