

PROMOTION, REMEDIATION 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 grades kindergarten through eight 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, grades 9 through 12 will be promoted to the next grade or shall be eligible for graduation when he or she has met the requirements set forth in the "SWMHS Course Descriptions and Proficiencies".

Proficiency and course requirements and promotion standards shall be announced to parents or guardians and pupils at the beginning of each school year. Parents and pupils shall be regularly informed during the school year of the pupil's progress. A teacher, counselor and/or principal who determine 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. The parent and, where appropriate, the pupil shall be notified of a possible retention, 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. Only extenuating circumstances should permit the promotion of a pupil who has been in attendance fewer than one hundred sixty days during the school year.

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Classroom teachers and/or counselors shall recommend to the building principal the promotion or retention of each pupil. Parents and adult pupils may appeal a promotion or retention decision to the teacher, department supervisor, principal or Superintendent whose decision shall be final.

The Superintendent shall distribute this policy to all parents and/or pupils in grades kindergarten through 12 at the beginning of each school year and shall invite their participation, along with the participation of teachers, in the development of revisions of the policy.

N.J.S.A. 18a:4-24; 18A:35-4.9
N.J.A.C. 6:8-7.1

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