

PROMOTION AND RETENTION OF STUDENTS

The administration and teaching staff must develop instructional plans that will assist students to progress through school. Students will normally progress from grade to grade, however, exceptions may be made when it becomes evident that a student should proceed more slowly. Retention will not be used until other possibilities have been exhausted, such as special help, remedial work, and summer school opportunities. Parents must be informed of a retention possibility well in advance and a conference with the parents scheduled. Teachers will consider the advice and assistance of the guidance and other special school personnel. Although teachers may recommend retention, all retentions (as well as promotions) will be made by the school principal. The superintendent will be informed through a discussion with the principal. Teachers, in recommending retentions and principals in assigning them, will give the reasons they believe the student should be retained. The school system shall have final authority in the promotion/retention of a student.