

5410 PROMOTION AND RETENTION

The Watchung Borough Board of Education recognizes that personal, social, physical and educational growth of children will vary and that they should be placed in the educational setting most appropriate to their needs at the various stages of their growth.

The Superintendent shall direct development of and the Board shall adopt detailed regulations to govern progress of students through grades Kindergarten through eight. The regulations shall include:

- A. Standards of proficiency related to district goals and objectives;
- B. Standards of attendance, and provision for review of mastery;
- C. Timely efforts to help all students achieve acceptable levels of proficiency;
- D. Timely notification of parents and guardians when there is a possibility of failure and immediate consultation with the parent or guardian if the student's progress is not sufficient to meet promotion and remediation standards;
- E. Procedures for parents, guardians and adult students to appeal promotion and retention decisions;
- F. Procedures for involving parents and guardians in the design of the remedial program.

Parents and guardians will be notified whenever exceptions are contemplated in a student's normal progression from level to level. The final decision in all cases will rest with school authorities.

The promotion or retention of a child is based upon the child's classroom performance the previous school year. Promotion or retention is not to be viewed as a reward or punishment.

The Superintendent shall develop procedures for promotion and retention of students which:

- A. Require that parents are informed in advance of the possibility of retention of a student at grade level;



- B. Assure that every effort will be made to remediate the student's academic difficulties before he or she is retained;
- C. School performance shall be a factor in the determination of a student's promotion or retention. Only extenuating circumstances should permit the promotion of a student who has been absent in excess of forty days during the school year.

Annual rates of promotion and retention by school are important factors in determining "adequate yearly progress" as required by Federal law.

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