

# **DELANCO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION.**

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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, intellectual and physical 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 accomplishments of pupils.

The teacher, in consultation with the building principal, shall base the decision of promotion or retention upon a combination of the following data: report card grades, previous retentions, physical/mental maturity achievement test scores, chronological age, attendance record.

Parents 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 and the pupil. Every effort shall be made to remediate a pupil's deficiencies before retention is recommended.

The parent shall be notified of the possibility of a pupil's retention at grade level no later than the second week following the end of the second marking period. In the event that remediation is unsuccessful and it still appears that the pupil may be retained, another formal notice will be given to the parent after the end of the third marking period. On occasion, a pupil's standing may deteriorate after the first half of the year, indicating a potential retention. In such cases the above timeline will not apply, but school personnel shall make every possible effort to notify the parent and allow sufficient time for remediation.

If a pupil appears headed for a second retention in his or her elementary school career, a referral must be made to the Child Study Team. A second retention can be made only with the Team's recommendation, in consultation with the parent, teacher and principal. Classroom teachers shall recommend to the building principal the promotion or retention of each pupil. The principal will consult jointly with the teacher and the parent. In the departmentalized 6th, 7th, and 8th grades the principal will confer with all of the regular subject area teachers before meeting with the parent. The principal will make the final determination. Parents may appeal a promotion or retention decision to the Superintendent.

N.J.S.A. 18A:4-24; 18A:35-4.9

N.J.A.C. 6:8-7.1

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