

PROMOTION GUIDELINES

GRADES PREK – 6

A student may be retained if he/she fails two or more academic subjects, one of which is Reading, for the school year with an average less than 65 in these subjects, unless their retention is not deemed to be warranted or beneficial by the building principal.

Academic subjects include the following: English Language Arts (includes Reading), Mathematics, Science & Technology Education, and Social Studies.

The decision concerning student grade placement for the next school year shall be made in relation to the specific situation. The following factors will be taken into account:

1. Age
2. Academic achievement in all subject areas, especially the basic skills as determined by test and teacher judgement (i.e. MCAS)
3. Physical development
4. Social development
5. Emotional development
6. Work and study habits
7. Attendance record
8. Progression to the next grade
9. Evaluation of student's progress in relation to ability

Process Regarding Student Placement For The Next School Year

- Teachers will submit to the principal a list of students who at mid-year present substantial risk of non-promotion.
- Teachers will meet with parents/guardians to discuss situation and possible strategies.
- Student will be referred to the Instructional Support Team and/or Special Services.
- Team will meet with principal and parent(s)/guardian(s) to discuss student and to review the recommendations.
- The principal reserves the right to make the final decision relative to a child's promotion or retention.