

Series 600 – Educational Program

Policy Title: STUDENT PROMOTION AND RETENTION

Policy Code No. 605.3

Promotions and retentions in the Newton Community School District shall have as their objective, the placing of the student in an environment where maximum development will take place. Students will be promoted to the next grade level at the end of each school year based on the student's achievement, age, maturity, emotional stability and social adjustment.

The retention of a student will be determined on the judgment of the certified staff, the parents/guardians and the principal. When it becomes evident a student in grades kindergarten through eight may be retained in a grade level for an additional year, the parents/guardians shall be informed as early as possible in the school year. It shall be within the sole discretion of the district to retain students in their current grade level.

Students with one or more exceptional abilities who, in the judgment of administrative and certified personnel, would benefit from acceleration in the education program may take classes in areas beyond their current grade level or participate in other approved forms of acceleration. Parents/guardians shall be contacted and agree to the acceleration of the student.

Students in grades nine through twelve will be informed of the required coursework necessary to graduate each year. When it becomes evident a student in these grades will be unable to meet the graduation requirements, the parents/guardians will be informed by the high school principal or designee.

It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent or designee, in conjunction with the principal, to develop administrative regulations regarding this policy. In developing these administrative regulations, the procedures for promotion and retention shall be included.

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