

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: PROMOTION AND
RETENTION

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215. PROMOTION AND RETENTION	
1. Purpose	The Board recognizes that the emotional, social, physical and educational development of students will vary and that students should be placed in the educational setting most appropriate to their needs. The district shall establish and maintain academic standards for each grade and monitor individual student achievement in a continuous and systematic manner.
2. Authority SC 1531, 1532 Title 22 Sec. 4.12, 4.42 SC 1531, 1532 Pol. 213	<p>The Board establishes that each student shall be moved forward in a continuous pattern of achievement and development that corresponds with the student's progress, system of grade levels, and attainment of the academic standards established for each grade.</p> <p>A student shall be promoted when s/he has successfully completed the curriculum requirements and has achieved the academic standards established for the present level, based on the professional judgement of the teachers and the results of assessments. A student shall earn the right to advance to the next grade by demonstrating mastery of the required skills and knowledge.</p>
3. Delegation of Responsibility Title 22 Sec. 4.13 Pol. 100 SC 1532 SC 1532	<p>The Superintendent or designee shall develop administrative regulations for promotion and retention of students which assure that every effort will be made to remediate the student's difficulties before the student is retained.</p> <p>The recommendation of the classroom teacher shall be required for promotion of a student.</p> <p>The recommendation of a building-based educational team shall be required for the retention of a student. The education team shall include the building principal, classroom teacher, guidance counselor and parents/guardians. Teams may also include Response To Intervention and Instruction teachers, reading specialists and other pertinent personnel, such as the nurse, psychologist or social worker.</p>

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<p>Pol. 906</p>	<p>In instances where parent(s)/guardian(s) disagree with the recommendation of the education team, the parent(s)/guardian(s) may send a written appeal to the Superintendent or designee within ten (10) days of the education team meeting.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall be assigned the final responsibility for determining the promotion or retention of each student.</p>
<p>4. Guidelines</p>	<p>In all cases of retention, the parents/guardians shall be fully involved and informed throughout the process. Parents/Guardians and students shall be informed of the possibility of retention by April 1.</p>
<p>Pol. 212, 213</p>	<p>Academic achievement, attitude, effort, work habits, behavior, attendance and other factors related to learning shall be evaluated regularly and communicated to students and parents/guardians.</p>
<p>Pol. 213</p>	<p>The district shall utilize multiple measures of academic performance as determinants in promotion and retention decisions.</p>
<p>Pol. 217</p>	<p>Progress toward high school graduation shall be based on the student's ability to achieve the established academic standards and pass the required subjects and electives necessary to earn the number of credits mandated by the Board for graduation.</p>
	<p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1531, 1532, 1533</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.12, 4.13, 4.42</p> <p>Board Policy – 000, 100, 212, 213, 217, 906</p>