

### **Student Promotion and Retention**

Student shall be promoted to the next grade level for the following school year when he or she:

- completes the course and any State-mandated requirements at the current grade;
- in the opinion of the School's professional staff, achieved the instructional objectives set for the current grade;
- demonstrates sufficient proficiency to permit him/her to move ahead in the educational program of the next grade;
- demonstrates the degree of social, emotional, and physical maturation necessary for a successful learning experience in the next grade.

A student is prohibited from being promoted to the next grade level if the student has been absent without excuse for more than 10% of the required attendance days for the current school year and has failed two or more required curriculum subject areas in the current grade. A student may only be promoted under these circumstances if the Principal and student's teachers of any failed subject areas agree that the student is academically prepared to be promoted.

While it is the School's practice to involve parents and guardians in the retention determination process, the Principal shall have the final authority to retain a student. Notice of retention shall be provided as is established for sending notice regarding student academic progress as listed in the Parent/Student Handbook.