

PROMOTION AND RETENTION OF STUDENTS

The Superintendent and the building Principals shall develop rules for the promotion and retention of students and the rules shall have the approval of the Board. These rules shall be published in the Parent-Student Handbook.

In instances where a child has not shown sufficient maturity, social and emotional growth or has failed to acquire sufficient mastery of basic skills; it may be best for the child to remain in the grade another year. The need for retention should be determined in the primary grades whenever possible or warranted. In and above the middle school, care should be taken not to promote beyond the capacity of the student to succeed.

The school district shall provide instructional support programs for students needing and desiring to improve their basic skills so that failure and possible retention can be avoided and so that the student can achieve academic success. This instructional support may include but are not limited to: in school tutoring, additional supervised study periods, after school programs, summer programs etc.

When retention is being considered, it is essential that the school conference with the parents. This should be no later than the middle of April, at least prior to Spring Vacation.

The Goffstown School District will not promote students who fail to achieve the basic skills and knowledge necessary to pass at a grade level.

Reference: IKE-R

Legal Reference:

NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 306.14(d), Promoting Students

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