

# **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Cherry Hill, New Jersey

## **POLICY 6146.2**

### **PROMOTION AND RETENTION**

1. The instructional program shall provide for the continuous progress of pupils with an anticipated growth in basic skills achievement of one year at each grade level.
2. Pupils who are achieving one (1) year or more below grade level in basic skills shall receive remedial instruction in the respective deficient skill areas. (Pupils classified as compensatory education students in reading shall receive basic skills instruction by a basic skills teacher.)
3. Bi-annual parent/teacher conferences shall be conducted for parents of pupils who are achieving (1) year or more below grade level in any basic skills area. Where appropriate, consideration of retention should be evaluated and discussed with the parents in these meetings.
4. Pupils in kindergarten will be recommended for retention when, in the judgment of the principal, such retention would provide the greatest benefit for the pupil.
5. Pupils who are achieving one (1) grade level below in reading by the end of the third grade are to be retained for one year unless the principal is able to show cause as to why they should not be retained.
6. Those pupils who are achieving one and one-half (1-1/2) grade levels below in reading by the end of the sixth grade are to be retained unless the principal is able to show cause as to why they should not be retained.
7. Those pupils who are achieving two (2) grade levels below in reading by the end of the eighth grade are to be retained unless the principal is able to show cause as to why they should not be retained.
8. In addition to the provisions stated in 7 above, students in grades seven and eight who fail two or more major subjects (English, developmental reading, mathematics, social studies, science, or foreign language) for the year are to be retained unless the principal is able to show cause as to why they should not be retained.
9. Pupils at the high school level are expected to meet the requirements of Board of Education Policy IHF: Graduation Requirements.

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10. In grades 9-12, parents should be notified each year if a student:
  - (a) has not met the grade level requirement of credits for that grade level;
  - (b) has not met the minimum standard testing requirements outlined in the Proficiency Standards of Board of Education Policy JFC: Graduation Requirements;
  - (c) has not met the other course requirements outlined in Board of Education Policy JFC: Graduation Requirements.
  
11. Parents may appeal the retention of an individual pupil. Such appeals shall be made to:
  - (a) Building principal
  - (b) Superintendent of Schools
  - (c) Board of Education

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