

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

No. 215

Section: PUPILS

Title: Promotion and
Retention

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215 PROMOTION AND RETENTION

Purpose

The Board of Education (the “Board”) of the School District of Philadelphia is committed to excellence in student achievement and recognizes the importance of a district-wide promotion policy which supports students’ grade placement in a setting most appropriate for personal, social, academic, and physical growth.

Delegation of Responsibility

The Board authorizes the Superintendent and their designee to develop and maintain a promotion procedures based on uniform achievement standards for each grade.

Guidelines

Provisions of this district wide promotion policy will be published on the District’s website, in addition to being placed on each school’s website. Paper copies will be available by request.

A determination of promotion and/or retention of students will occur annually at the close of the school year. In regard to the timing of such action, exceptions to this policy can be made by the assistant superintendent after consultation with the principal, teacher(s), parent(s)/guardian(s), and with the approval of the Superintendent.

Legal References:

1. Pa School Code: 24 P.S. § 15-1531
2. Pa School Code: 24 P.S. § 16-1611
3. Pa School Code: 24 P.S. § 16-1613