

Brockton Public Schools School Committee Policy

PROMOTION AND RETENTION OF JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS

Philosophy:

It is the responsibility of the educators to establish realistic and attainable standards of expectations for students to achieve in order to move to the next grade. This promotion policy is intended to be empathetic, flexible, and responsible to those students in our society who face a myriad of roadblocks hampering them in their quest for an education.

Requirements for Promotion:

At the completion of the school year or summer school a pupil must have passed three (3) of the major subjects (English, Mathematics, Science, and Social Science) to move to the next grade.

A pupil must have passed at least three (3) of the following special subjects to move to the next grade:

Art	Reading
Computers	World Languages
Health	Technology Education
Physical Education	Music

In order to be promoted to high school a pupil must have passed English, Mathematics, Science, and Social Science at least one year during the junior high school experience.

Advancement to the next grade:

A student who fails to meet the above requirements for promotion is to be considered for nonpromote status.

The determination of retention or advancement is to be based on the following factors:

1. Age
2. I.Q.
3. Physical maturity
4. Emotional maturity
5. Social adjustment
6. Attendance
7. Health
8. Potential gains to be achieved by repeating

The best interest of the student is to be given prime consideration.

Individual cases are to be discussed in consultation with the building principal, guidance, teaching personnel, and parent, as needed.

A report for each case is to be submitted to the Deputy Superintendent.

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Each case of possible nonpromotion is to be discussed by the building principal, appropriate guidance and teaching personnel, and the pupil's parents or guardians. The recommendation for nonpromotion will be made by the building principal, based upon the information and recommendation of the certified staff and the pupil's parents. This recommendation will be forwarded to the Deputy Superintendent for review. Any party not agreeing with the recommendation may appeal the decision by contacting the Deputy Superintendent who will render a decision. A copy of the decision will be sent to the appealing party and the Superintendent of Schools.