

Failure or Retention of Students

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In any case where controversy arises relative to marks assigned as failing, the superintendent of schools shall make the final decision after consultation with the student and the teacher.

Where retention is being considered, such intent shall be made known to the superintendent of schools at least nine weeks prior to the final grading period. After consultation with the parents and the teacher, the superintendent of schools shall make the final decision and report the information to the parents and the board of education.

Senior High School.

In the case were a student fails to meet requirements for graduation in the senior year, the following shall be adhered to:

- I. Students and parents shall be informed that there is a possibility that the student will not earn the required hours for graduation by the end of the year. Such notification shall occur no later than one week after the end of the first semester, and sooner if possible.
- II. The board of education shall be informed of any possible failures to meet graduation requirement at the first regular meeting of the board of education following the end of the first semester.

Junior High School.

Retention of any junior high school student shall be based on what best meets the needs of the student. Criteria for retention or promotion will be academic progress, academic potential, effort, and social needs of a student.

A student who has failed more than two classes for the year will automatically be reviewed by the junior high school staff. The staff will make recommendations to promote or to retain the individual. If the decision is to retain the student, parents shall be notified of the recommendation and asked to meet with the faculty for a staffing consultation to determine the placement the future progress of the student. Parents should be encouraged to participate in the planing process and to express their feelings for the retention,

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promotion, or the development of an alternative program for the student.

A copy of this regulation will be sent to all junior high school students who fail two or more subjects the first semester of their junior high program.