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The following rules are promulgated in accordance with the policy of the Mendham Township Board of Education dealing with the promotion and retention of pupils.

A. Standard for Pupil Promotion

- 1. Elementary and Intermediate Grades (PreK-8) a pupil will be promoted to the next succeeding grade level when he/she demonstrates the proficiencies required for movement into the next grade.
- 2. A pupil in grades 5 through 8 who fails two academic subjects for the school year shall be retained, unless a waiver is granted by the Superintendent.
- 3. Parent(s) or legal guardian(s) and pupils will be provided a minimum of four reports each year as to a pupil's progress towards meeting promotion standards.
- 4. Teacher who determine that a pupil's progress may not be sufficient to meet promotion standards shall notify the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of the pupil and offer consultation with the parent(s) or legal guardian(s).
- 5. In grades PreK-8, the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) and where appropriate the pupil will be notified no later than three weeks prior to the end of the year when the possibility of a pupil not being promoted is determined.
- 6. A pupil with fewer than 165 days attendance in grades PreK-8 will not be promoted to the next grade level.
- 7. Extenuating circumstances as determined by the Building Principal can waive promotion requirements for grades PreK-8. The Principal will review each case and in consultation with the teacher render a final decision.
- 8. Classroom teachers shall provide input to the Principal who makes the final decision concerning the promotion or retention of each pupil.



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B. Procedure for Retention or Social Promotion

- 1. Grades PreK-8 classroom teachers must initiate the process by providing to the Building Principal complete forms in accordance with the specified timelines.
- 2. The Principal will review each case and in consultation with the teacher render a final decision.
- 3. Parent(s) or legal guardian(s) and adult pupils may appeal a promotion/retention decision to the Superintendent whose decision is final.

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