

DEUBROOK AREA 5-6	NEPN Code: IKE
School Board Policy Reference Manual	

## **PROMOTION AND STUDENT RETENTION**

Retention and promotion of a student, kindergarten through grade 8, shall be determined by a multi-disciplinary team consisting of the building principal, the classroom teacher or teachers, and the parent or guardian. Retention shall be recommended on information provided to the team members by members of the team and by the parent or guardian. Criteria for a retention decision shall be based upon a wide variety of information about the student in order to assist the team in a decision that is educationally and emotionally best for the student.

If conflicts concerning promotion and retention cannot be resolved, the Administration has the authority to make the final determination.

### **REGULATIONS: STUDENT RETENTION AND PROMOTION**

Retention of a student in any grade, kindergarten through grade 8, shall be determined by a multi-disciplinary team consisting of the building principal, classroom teacher or teachers, and the parent or guardian.

A retention decision shall be recommended by a team only after careful consideration of a wide variety of information about the student designed to help the team make a decision that is educationally and emotionally best for the student.

Light's Retention Scale may be helpful to teams in making sound decisions about student retention. If Light's Retention Scale is not used, committees may find it useful to consider the following criteria:

- student's sex
- student's age
- knowledge of the English language
- physical size
- present grade placement
- previous retention
- brothers and sisters
- parents' school participation
- child's life experiences
- family moves
- school attendance
- intelligence
- history of learning disabilities
- present level of academic achievement
- student's attitude about retention
- student's interest in school work
- immature behavior
- emotional problems
- history of serious behavioral problems
- or other pertinent information deemed helpful by the team.

Specific information regarding the parent's/guardian's support of the team's decision should be recorded on the form and placed in the student's cumulative record. In instances where a parent requests a child to be retained and the multi-disciplinary team does not support the parent's request, such information should also be placed in the student's cumulative record.