



STUDENTS: Promotion and Retention

The public schools of our county are dedicated to the total and continuous development of each student. The professional staff shall be expected to place students at the grade level best suited to their achievement.

Students shall normally progress annually from grade level to grade level. Exceptions may be made when, in the judgment of the professional staff, such exceptions are in the best educational interest of the students involved. Exceptions shall be made only by notifying each student's parents. After conferring with the professional staff, the principal shall make the decision regarding promotion/retention.

Grade retention in Baltimore County Public Schools is recognized as a means of meeting the needs of some students. The Board of Education is concerned that all students have an opportunity to meet such standards as are necessary for successful completion of the expectations at the next grade level. Further, it is expected that consistent procedures for retention are employed throughout the school system.

Grade acceleration is recognized by the Board of Education as one means of meeting the needs of some students. Such a recommendation should be made by the principal to the appropriate assistant superintendent in the Division of Instruction only after careful deliberation of every aspect of the student's educational program.

The promotion and retention policy is established to assure that each student shall obtain the most comprehensive and fulfilling educational program which is available in the Baltimore County Public Schools.

Also see policy, "Graduation," in this series.

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