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I. Policy Statement

A. The Board of Education of Baltimore County (Board) 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. This 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 (BCPS).

B. BCPS are dedicated to the total and continuous development of each student. The professional staff are 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 student involved. Exceptions shall only be made by notifying each student’s parents or guardians. After conferring with the professional staff, the principal shall make the decision regarding promotion/retention.

C. Grade retention in BCPS is recognized as one means of meeting the needs of some students. When utilized, the Board expects that consistent procedures for retention are followed throughout BCPS.

II. Implementation

The Board directs the Superintendent to implement this policy.

Legal References:

20 U.S.C. §1400, ET SEQ., Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article §7-202, Minimum Levels of Reading Ability
Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article §7-205, Promotion and Graduation of Students in Public High Schools
COMAR 13A.03.02, Graduation Requirements for Public High Schools in Maryland
Related Policies: Board of Education Policy 1270, *Parent and Family Involvement*
Board of Education Policy 5110, *Admission*
Board of Education Policy 5120, *Attendance and Excuses*
Board of Education Policy 5210, *Grading and Reporting*
Board of Education Policy 5250, *Graduation Requirements*
Board of Education Policy 6401, *Advanced Academics and Gifted Education*

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