

PROMOTION & RETENTION

Promotion Standards Grades K-5

Except as provided elsewhere herein, in order to be promoted to the next grade students in Grades K-5 must demonstrate mastery of the Content Standards in English Language Arts and Mathematics.

In grades K-2, students working below grade level in English Language Arts or Mathematics may be considered for retention.

In grades 3-5, students may be considered for retention if they fail to demonstrate mastery in English Language Arts, Mathematics, and one other core subject: Science or Social Studies.

Promotion Standards Grades 6-8

In grades 6-8, students may be considered for retention if they fail to demonstrate mastery in English Language Arts, Mathematics, and one other core subject: Science or Social Studies. A student must receive a grade of "D" or above for the year to be considered as passing.

Exceptions

In grades K-8, if a student does not meet passing criteria, that student may still be considered for promotion based upon review and recommendations by the Student Assistance Team and approval by the Assistant Superintendent responsible for supervising curriculum and instruction. The Student Assistance Team and the Assistant Superintendent shall take into consideration the results of a Light's Retention Scale study of the student.

A student may not be retained more than once at any grade level.

Any school recommending a second retention for a student **must** have prior approval from the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction.

Grades 9-12

In grades 9-12, students earn credits towards high school graduation rather than receive promotion from one grade to another.

Students will be classified as follows:

Grade 9	First Year High School Entry
Grade 10	6 Credits Completed
Grade 11	12 Credits Completed
Grade 12	20 18 Credits Completed*

* A student may be considered a senior with less than ~~20~~ 18 credits if the following provisions are adhered to:

- Provided a plan is developed by the Student Assistance Team;
- Provided the plan if implemented accordingly will afford the student an opportunity to graduate at the conclusion of the school year; and
- Provide the plan is approved by the principal.

Students must successfully complete the minimum amount of credits required by West Virginia State Board of Education Policy 2510 in order to graduate from McDowell County Schools. To graduate, students are required to meet the Grade 9-12 standards-focused Curriculum and Graduation Requirements imposed by the West Virginia State Board of Education Policy 2510.

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