

PROMOTION AND RETENTION OF STUDENTS

The Mathews County School Board recognizes that the promotion and retention of students are important school decisions based on the academic progress of the student.

Promotion to the next grade is achieved by acquiring the skills necessary to be academically successful in the next grade.

Retention is based on the teacher and principal's judgment that repeating the grade serves the educational welfare of the child. No student will be retained in grades K-4 more than once. No student will be retained in grades 5-8 more than once. Factors that are considered in this decision are:

1. Achievement of Standards of Learning skills, and performance on Standards of Learning Tests;
2. Academic Achievement;
3. Academic Ability;
4. Chronological Age;
5. Physical Development;
6. Health of the Child;
7. Academic History including Previous Retentions;
8. Student Attitude;
9. Attendance; and
10. Benefits of Retention to the Child.

No later than the beginning of the second semester of the school year, parents of students who are not making satisfactory progress will be informed by the classroom teacher that if significant progress is not made by the end of May, retention is likely.

Teachers will work closely with the principal when retention is being considered. A conference between the principal, teacher and parent will be held prior to the principal making the final decision regarding retention.

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