

SOUTHERN COLUMBIA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: PROMOTION AND RETENTION

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215. PROMOTION AND RETENTION	
<p>1. Purpose</p>	<p>The Board recognizes that the personal, social, physical and educational growth of children will vary and that they should be placed in the educational setting most appropriate to their needs at the various stages of their growth.</p>
<p>2. Authority SC 1531, 1611, 1613 Title 22 Sec. 4.42</p> <p>SC 1532 Pol. 213</p>	<p>The Board believes that each person is unique and that each student grows at his/her own rate, in accordance with ability, environment and past experience. While core curricular expectations are the same, we recognize that the pace of progress varies with each learner, therefore expected levels of achievement call for differentiation of instruction.</p> <p>A student will be promoted when s/he has completed the course requirements at the presently assigned level or in the opinion of his/her teachers, advanced sufficiently on the K-12 curriculum continuum that has been aligned to the Pennsylvania Academic Standards.</p>
<p>3. Delegation of Responsibility SC 1532 Title 22 Sec. 4.12, 4.13</p>	<p>The Superintendent shall develop procedures for promotion and retention of students which assure that effort will be made to remediate the student's difficulties before s/he is retained and require the recommendation of the classroom teacher for promotion or retention; require that parents are informed in advance of the possibility of retention; and assign to the building principal the final responsibility for determining the promotion or retention of each student.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>School code - 24 P.S. Sec. 1531, 1532, 1611, 1613</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations - 22 PA Code Sec. 4.12, 4.13, 4.42</p> <p>Board Policy - 212, 213, 217</p>

