

Promotion and Retention of Students

In the Wallingford Public Schools, the education program of students shall provide for continuous progress from grade level to grade level; however, progress does not necessarily imply nor result in continuous promotion. Efficient learning takes place only if students build on what they have mastered, and mastery can only be achieved with ample readiness.

Students will normally progress annually from grade to grade or level to level. Exceptions may be made when, in the judgment of the certified staff, such exceptions are in the best educational interests of the students involved. An exception will be made only after the student's parent(s) or guardian(s) is informed of the planned retention and the reasons for the decision.

The final decision as to whether a student is retained will rest with the school principal.

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