

Sylvan Heights Science Charter School

Policy Number: 215

Policy Title: Promotion and Retention

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Purpose

The Board recognizes that the emotional, social, physical and educational development of students will vary and that students should be placed in the educational setting most appropriate to their needs. The School shall establish and maintain academic standards for each grade and monitor individual student achievement in a continuous and systematic manner.

Authority

The Board establishes that each student shall be moved forward in a continuous pattern of achievement and development that corresponds with the student's progress, system of grade levels, and attainment of the academic standards established for each grade. A student shall be promoted when s/he has successfully completed the curriculum requirements and has achieved the academic standards established for the present level, based on the professional judgment of the teachers and the results of the assessments.

Delegation of Responsibility

The Principal/Chief Academic Officer (CAO) or designee will use discretion in determining retention and promotion and will assure that every effort will be made to remediate the student's difficulties before the student is retained.

The recommendation of the classroom teacher shall be required for promotion or retention of a student. The CAO shall be assigned the final responsibility for determining the promotion or retention of each student.

Guidelines

In all cases of retention, parents/guardians shall be fully involved and informed throughout the process. Parents/Guardians and students shall be informed of the possibility of retention of a student well in advance.

Academic achievement, attitude, effort, work habits, behavior, attendance and other factors related to learning shall be evaluated regularly and communicated to students and parents/guardians.

The School shall utilize multiple measures of academic performance as determinants in promotion and retention decisions.

References:

24 P.S. 1531

24 P.S. 1532

24 P.S. 1533

22 PA Code 4.12

22 PA Code 4.13

22 PA Code 4.42

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