

## **PROMOTION AND RETENTION OF STUDENTS**

The School Committee is dedicated to the continuous development of each student enrolled. The professional staff is expected to place students at the grade level best suited to them academically, socially and emotionally.

In evaluating student achievement, each teacher will make use of all available information, including results of teacher-made tests and other measures of skill and content mastery, standardized test results, and teacher observation of student performance. The Principal will direct and aid teachers in their evaluations and review grade assignments in order to ensure uniformity of evaluation standards.

Students will normally progress annually from grade to grade. Retention should be considered a last resort to be contemplated when other reasonable strategies have been tried. Only when specific benefits of retaining a student can be clearly identified, along with corresponding remedial actions, may a student be retained. Students identified as being at risk for retention, or actually retained, will continue to be closely monitored to ensure their maximum academic progress.

The decision to retain a student shall be made by the school principal following consultation with the child study team, which will include classroom teacher, building specialists, guidance counselor, principal and parents/guardians.