

Book	Policy Manual
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### **Purpose**

The Joint Operating Committee 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 Joint Operating Committee will establish and maintain high standards for each program and monitor student achievement in a continuous and systematic manner.

### **Authority**

The Joint Operating Committee establishes that each student shall be moved forward in a continuous pattern of achievement and development that corresponds with the student's development, the system of program levels, and the academic standards and student competencies established for each level.[\[1\]](#)  
[\[2\]](#)

A student shall be promoted when s/he has successfully achieved the academic standards and student competencies established for the present level, based on the professional judgment of the teachers and the results of assessments. A student shall advance to the next level by demonstrating mastery of the required skills and knowledge.

### **Delegation of Responsibility**

The Administrative Director or designee shall develop administrative regulations for promotion and retention of students which assure that every effort will be made to remediate the student's difficulties before the student is retained.

The recommendation of the program instructor shall be required for promotion or retention of a student.

The building administrator shall be assigned the final responsibility for determining the promotion or retention of each student.

### **Guidelines**

In all cases of retention, the 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.

The school shall utilize multiple measures of performance as determinants in promotion and retention decisions.[\[3\]](#)

Legal

1. 24 P.S. 1531

2. 22 PA Code 4.42

3. Pol. 212

22 PA Code 4.12

Pol. 217