

## INSTRUCTION

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Policy Title . . . PROMOTION

Code No. 345.4

Promotion practices in the Burlington Area School District shall have as their objective the placing of the student in an environment where his/her maximum development will take place. Parents shall be informed as early in the school year as possible when in the judgment of the teacher and principal a student is to be retained in the same grade or class for another year.

The basic premise of retention is to present an opportunity for the child to have an extra year to “grow” and mature. Retention is designed to help a student and therefore will be used in an effort to help the student gain confidence and academic success. The ability level of the student will be given consideration relative to performance. Academic performance will be measured by both achievement testing and classroom performance.

In recommending retention, the total child, including academic, social, emotional and physical needs, will be considered. Retention will be worthwhile only with parental support and encouragement. The attitude of the parents is a factor.

The Board shall retain the final decision in all retention cases.

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