

POLICY

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

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Responsible Office: OFFICE OF ACADEMICS, DIVISION OF CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND ASSESSMENTS

PROMOTION AND RETENTION

A. PURPOSE

To establish a policy that recognizes the significance of decisions on the promotion and retention of students.

B. ISSUE

This policy supports the Board of Education of Anne Arundel County's strong commitment to the academic success of all students. Appropriate interventions that ensure the successful progression between grade levels are expected.

C. POSITION

1. ***Elementary School*** – Decisions about the promotion or retention of elementary school students shall be based upon whether the student has achieved academic success, as well as consideration of the needs of the student. Factors which should be considered regarding the needs of the student include ability, attendance, physical development, emotional development, social maturity, and State and local goals or requirements. Students shall meet the requirements of the Maryland State Board of Education Comprehensive Pre-K – 3 Literacy Policy to be promoted to Grade 4.
2. ***Middle School*** – Decisions about the promotion or retention of middle school students shall be based upon whether the student has achieved academic success and has met the minimum requirement for attendance.
3. ***High School*** – Decisions about promotion or retention of high school students shall be in accordance with State and local credit and graduation requirements.

D. IMPLEMENTATION

The Superintendent is authorized to develop regulations to implement this policy.

Policy History: Adopted on 01/03/07; Revised 11/19/25

Note Previous Policy History: Replaces Policy 608.02, adopted 08/29/58 and revised 05/20/91; 12/15/99; 06/05/02; 06/04/03; 10/08/03

Legal Reference: Maryland State Board of Education Comprehensive Pre-K – 3 Literacy Policy