

**Promotion/Retention of Students**

(Administrative Rule) (Grades 5-8)

**Code #345.04AR 2**

Promotion and retention of students in the Tri-County Area Middle School will be based upon the recommendation of the principal and teaching team.

Students in grades five and six who fail three or more core subjects (English, Reading, Math, Science, Social Studies) for the year shall be required to repeat all core subjects and electives for that grade.

Students in grade seven and eight will be required to earn passing grades in all core subjects (English Language & Literature, Math, Social Studies, Science). Students who earn a failing grade in any of these courses for any semester will be required to display proficiency with regard to the required content of that course via the following option:

- Successfully completing an alternative educational equivalent of the course via either Alternative Education or Summer School.

As with grades five and six, students in seventh and eighth grades who fail three or more core subjects (and do not meet the expectation outlined above) will be strongly considered for full-year retention.

There are some conditions that may make it appropriate for a student to be placed in the next grade level rather than be retained in the Middle School, even when subjects have been failed. This may be done upon recommendation of the principal and staff with the approval of the District Administrator.

**Timeline**

1. A conference shall be scheduled as soon as possible when a student is failing core subjects and retention is being considered.
2. Parents/Guardians will be notified by the principal/teacher of a final decision as soon as possible to have a student repeat the grade.

**Appeal Process**

**If the parties involved disagree with the building level principal's decision, they may appeal it to the District Administrator for a decision.**

If the parties involved disagree with the District Administrator's decision, they may appeal it to the Board of Education for a final determination.

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