**Hancock Central School**   **4750-R**

**PROMOTION AND RETENTION OF STUDENTS REGULATION**

Elementary Schools

Students must be placed in the best possible learning levels for successful educational experiences. Retention shall be limited to those situations where in the best interests of the child a successful learning experience is reasonably assured. Diligent effort shall be made to utilize all available resources to determine the child’s appropriate placement.

Middle Schools

1. Students who pass all subjects will be promoted automatically.

2. Students who fail one subject will have the failure evaluated and a determination made as to the reason for the failure. The student may be required to repeat the subject, but in typical cases shall be promoted with recommendation for either summer school or assignment to a lower academic ability group. The decision shall be arrived at by consensus from a case conference approach involving teacher, principal, and guidance counselor.

3. Students who fail two or more subjects shall be required to successfully complete summer school to be considered for promotion.

4. Students who fail more than two subjects shall fail for the year. Previous retention shall not guarantee promotion.

5. Final decision regarding retention or promotion shall rest with the building principal.

Senior High School

In general, promotion from one class to the next shall be contingent upon the passing of all required subjects and the accumulation of four units of credit at each year level with the total accumulation.

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