SECTION: STUDENTS

TITLE: INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL PROMOTION AND RETENTION (GRADES 7 & 8)

1. Purpose

The Board 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 District will establish and maintain high standards for each grade and monitor student achievement in a continuous and systematic manner.

2. Authority

The Board 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 grade levels, and attainment of the academic standards established for each grade. The decision making process for retaining a student in grades 7-8 will be based on the following guidelines.

3. Guidelines

A. FULL PROMOTION

- A full promotion requires a student to satisfactorily complete five (5) courses in the following major academic courses of study: Language Arts, Mathematics, Reading, Science and Social Studies

B. REMEDIATION OPTIONS

- A student failing one major subject will be promoted, but will be strongly recommended to attend summer school at the expense of the student/parent.

- A student failing two major subjects will be required to make up the failed courses in summer school and be required to pass at least one for promotion. Summer School will be at the expense of the student/parent. A student in this situation will be discussed by the Child Study Team as soon as failure becomes evident. The Child Study Team will determine whether a multidisciplinary evaluation is warranted.

- A student failing three major subjects will be required to attend summer school to make up and pass two of the subjects for promotion. Summer School will be at the expense of the student/parent. A student in this situation will be discussed by the
Child Study Team as soon as failure becomes evident. The Child Study Team will determine whether a multidisciplinary evaluation is warranted.

C. RETENTION
- In the event that a student who was required to attend and pass courses in summer school fails to fulfill these requirements, a committee composed of the intermediate school principal, guidance counselor, and student’s teachers will recommend promotion or retention. In the event the student is in grade 8, the committee will also include the high school principal.

- In the event of extenuating circumstances, the principal will retain the final option to promote or retain the student.

- Parents will be fully informed about potential failures by means of warning notices, report cards, and individual contacts by the principal, and/or guidance counselor, and/or teachers.