

## **Sparta Area School District**

### Article 505 - Middle School Promotion and Retention

Middle School students successfully completing course work at grades six and seven will be promoted to the next grade.

Students who fail more than two semester core courses or both semesters of the same core course will be retained. Students will have the opportunity to make up a maximum of two first semester core course failures during Saturday School in the spring and four semester core courses during summer school. Students who successfully complete the required remedial course work will be promoted to the next grade.

Students who earn one failing grade for the year will be strongly encouraged to enroll in the summer school program.

A conference including student, the student's parents, teachers, guidance counselor and administrator will be held after an unsuccessful summer school experience. The purpose of the conference will be to begin planning for retention for the next school year.

#### **Guidelines:**

- a. Students and their parents will be notified when any student is failing any course. This notification will include:
  1. An invitation to a conference with teaching staff.
  2. The consequences for failing a second course.
- b. The summer school program curriculum will include remediation in the core subjects and a component on organizational and study skills.
  1. Partial promotions or retentions will not be considered as an option either between schools or within the school.
  2. All courses including electives will have equal weight based on course length and number of days the class meets.
  3. Students who are retained will not be considered for promotion at mid-year or anytime prior to the end of the school year in which the student has been retained.

Legal Reference:

Cross Reference:

Approved:

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