



CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW BRITAIN

Board Policy Statement

6146.12 - Promotion and Retention of Students

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The purpose of an educational program is to provide for each student an appropriate academic, social and emotional environment that supports each student reaching their maximum potential development. To that end, the decision to promote or retain students shall be based primarily on providing the most appropriate learning environment for each individual students. Academic retention shall never be used as a punishment, or in a way that conflicts with the best interests of the child.

The administration shall develop procedures regarding retention that are in alignment with this policy. Factors that may be considered in such procedures include, but are not limited to: 1) the social and emotional development of the child, 2) the child's attendance at school throughout the academic year, 3) the child's academic performance both on standardized assessments and non-standardized measures, 4) the relative age of the child to their current grade level, 5) other parental or teacher concerns. Furthermore; any decisions to retain, while ultimately at the discretion of the school district, shall be made in consultation with parents or guardians.

In addition to the above stated policy, students may only advance to grades 10 through 12 if they have obtained the requisite number of credits as stipulated in the graduation requirements of each individual graduation cohort.