I. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY
The school board expects all students to achieve an acceptable level of academic proficiency. Parental assistance, tutorial and remedial programs, counseling and other appropriate services shall be coordinated and utilized to the greatest extent possible to help students succeed in school.

A. Promotion.
Students who achieve at levels deemed acceptable by local and state standards shall be promoted to the next grade level at the completion of each school year.

B. Retention.
Retention of a student may be considered when professional staff or parents feel that it is in the best interest of the student. In addition to academic achievement, physical development, maturity, and emotional factors shall also be considered. The parents will have the final decision on retention. Parent / guardian will sign a letter agreeing / not agreeing to retention. The signed letter will be filed in the student's cumulative folder.

Policy 513 - Student Promotion and Retention
Adopted: 10/22/07

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Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 123B.143, subd. 1 (Superintendents)

Cross References: MSBA/MASA Model Policy 613 (Graduation Requirements)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 614 (School District Testing Plan and Procedure)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 615 (Basic Standards Testing, Accommodations, Modifications, and Exemptions for IEP, Section 504 Accommodation and LEP Students)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 617 (School District Ensurance of Preparatory and High School Standards)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 618 (Assessment of Standard Achievement)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 620 (Credit for Learning)