

Policy IKE – Promotion and Retention of Students

The West Bath School Administrative Unit (WBSAU) acknowledges the large body of research that discourages school retention except in very unusual, well documented circumstances. When considering retention, it should be abundantly clear that such action will significantly position the child for academic or social growth.

West Bath School (K-5)

Elementary school retention is based on a variety of factors which may include academic, social and maturational development. Following a systematic review, according to the approved regulations and procedures including parent notification, retention should be considered where it is felt that it will benefit the child in his/her elementary experience.

The final decision shall be made by the principal in consultation with the parent(s) and teacher(s).

Guidelines for Retention

- A. Initial referrals shall be submitted by February 15.
- B. Decision for retention shall be made by June 1.
- C. See Procedures and Referral Form for elementary school retention (IKE-R, IKE-E).

Grades 6 - 12

Promotion and Retention decisions shall be based on the policy in place for the host school. The West Bath SAU Board encourages parents to familiarize themselves with those policies and procedures.

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