

<b>Section I:</b>  <b>Instructional Goals and Objectives</b>	<b>Knox County Board of Education Policy</b>		
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Promotion, retention, or acceleration shall be considered on the basis of what is best for the child. The teacher is responsible for making the decision after consulting with the appropriate professional staff. In all cases, parent preference must be taken into account. The parents may appeal the decision to the principal, the Director of Schools, and the Board of Education.<sup>1</sup>

**PROMOTION**

Students who have satisfactorily completed requirements for a grade or subject area are promoted.  
There shall be no graduation exercises at any grade level prior to graduation from high school.

**RETENTION**

When a pupil is not performing acceptably in a grade or subject and faces possible retention, the parent shall be notified in writing and shall be offered a conference as early as possible, but not later than six (6) weeks before the end of the school year.

It shall be the responsibility of the principal to send to the Director of Schools a list of pupils who have been retained stating pupil's name, grade and/or subject.

**ACCELERATION**

The teacher, in consultation with appropriate professional staff and parents, will make the decision for the promotion to an upper grade of a pupil.

Legal Reference:

1. Tennessee State Board of Education Policy 3.300.

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