



# Simons Middle School



## 20.3 – Promotion & Retention Requirements

### PROMOTION AND RETENTION

The staff at Simons Middle School believes that a child should be retained if, after much thought and careful consideration, the teachers and administration agree that he/she should have an additional opportunity to grow academically or emotionally and would benefit more from retention than promotion. Students, who have failed more than one subject, for the year, will be considered for retention. All subjects will be recorded on the report card as both a letter and percentage grade. These percentages will be averaged at the end of the year to assign a final grade in each core subject.

Each grading period will be approximately nine (9) weeks long and progress reports will be sent home at approximately the midpoint of each grading period.

Reasons for retention may include, but are not limited to:

- Failure to master sufficient standards in a minimum of two core content courses
- Failure to meet minimum course requirements
- Excessive absences causing work to be incomplete
- Failure to make up work

Strong consideration will be given to teacher recommendations regarding retention/promotion but the principal has the ultimate authority and responsibility for those decisions.

### POLICY EVALUATION

We will evaluate the effectiveness of this policy through our school Improvement Planning Process.

First Reading: July 19, 2021

Second Reading: August 16, 2021

Date Adopted: August 16, 2021

Signature: 

Date Reviewed or Revised: \_\_\_\_\_

Council Chairperson's Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

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