

### **3.8105 PROMOTION APPEALS**

Legal References: G.S. 115C-81  
State Board of Education Policy GCS-M-001

Cross References: 3.8100 PROMOTION AND RETENTION  
3.8110 SUMMER RECOVERY  
3.8200 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION AND EXIT STANDARDS  
4.2000 ATTENDANCE

The Board believes in the establishment of high academic and related standards for all FLA students. At the same time, the Board recognizes that there are sometimes valid reasons why an individual student fails to meet those standards, and that those failures may not necessarily be indicative of the student's actual ability to meet them but may rest in mitigating circumstances.

In order to provide an avenue for students who fail to be promoted from one grade to the next, or to graduate from FLA High School at the expected time of graduation, the Board instructs all FLA Principals to convene a Promotion Appeals Committee of faculty and staff members each summer.

The Board reserves unto itself the right to place one or more of its members on the Committee each year, but is not obligated to do so. All such Board appointments are made by the Board chair.

Appeals must be made in writing by the student and his/her parent(s) / guardian(s). These written appeals must:

1. be submitted to the Principal within five days following the release of final report cards in the spring of each school year;
2. include the name of the student, the name(s) of the student's parent(s) or guardian(s), specification of the grade from which the student was not promoted, and the date when the appeal is submitted;
3. written documentation relevant to the reasons for the appeal, specifying why the unmet standards leading to the non-promotion should be reconsidered in light of that documentation; and
4. a specific request, if desired, to be allowed to appear in person before the Committee.

The Promotion Appeals Committee shall convene as soon as possible after the five-day submission deadline to consider all submitted appeals. The appeal process shall involve a review of the student's academic and/or other relevant records as it feels appropriate, including— but not limited to — such items as attendance records, diagnostic and/or formative assessments, Works In Progress Folder items and Showcase Portfolios used in bi-annual Student-Led Conferences, PBL projects and presentation records, EOG and/or EOC test scores and/or other relevant state accountability program scores, approved School and Community Service Logs, IEPs and 504 plan goals and accomplishments, etc.

Following the Committee review and appeals hearing process, the Committee makes a recommendation to the Principal to promote, to uphold the non-promotion, or (in the case of EC students) possibly to “place” the student in the next successive grade without official promotion. By state law, the final promotion / placement decision rests with the Principal, whom the Board instructs to take the Committee's recommendation into account.

Students and parents who request approval to appear in person before the Promotion Appeals Committee shall be allowed to do so at the Committee's convenience.

A copy of this policy shall be included with the final report card for every student who fails to be promoted from one grade to the next K-11 or who fails to graduate on the expected date from FLA High School.