

Waiver Policy for Student Retention Policy

The Waterbury School District will establish and maintain the highest standards required for each grade level and monitor student performance in a continuous and systematic manner. Social promotion is not an acceptable practice. However, the Board recognizes that when a student does not meet the minimum criteria for promotion and mitigating circumstances are present then the following procedures will apply:

1. A teacher will submit waiver requests to principals.
2. The building principal will review all waiver requests with the teacher and other personnel as needed for appropriate input. Teacher will support a waiver request with student data.
3. The following criteria must be taken into consideration when requesting a waiver:
 - a. Age appropriateness.
 - b. Ability to learn.
 - c. The number of times a child has been retained.
 - d. Evaluation and analysis of student performance utilizing test data and teacher input.
 - e. Attendance records.
4. The building principal will review each case based on the criteria affecting a student's performance and recommend an appropriate placement for the student based on the student's need and forward all requests to the Superintendent and/or designee for final approval.
5. All waiver decisions by the principal must be submitted to the Superintendent by May 15th of each year. At a Board of Education meeting in June, the Superintendent will report on the number of waivers granted for each school.
6. This policy will be reviewed annually by the Board of Education.

Legal Reference:

Connecticut General Statutes

P.A. 99-288 An Act Concerning Education Accountability

10-221(b) Boards of education to prescribe rules.

10-265g Summer reading programs required for priority school districts. Evaluation of student reading level. Personal reading plans.
(as amended by PA 01-173 and PA 06-135)

10-2651 Requirements for additional instruction for poor performing students in priority school districts; exemption. Summer school required; exemption (as amended by PA 99-288, PA 01-173, PA 03-174 and PA 06-135)

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