



Notice
June 1, 2012

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Chancellor

AMENDMENTS TO REGULATION OF THE CHANCELLOR

Number: A-501

Subject: PROMOTION STANDARDS

I. Description of the subject and purpose of the proposed item under consideration.

Chancellor's Regulation A-501 sets forth system-wide, clearly defined standards for student promotion for each grade from grades 3 to 12.

The prior version of the regulation, dated November 13, 2009, will be amended in the following respects: (1) the amended regulation provides that principals may recommend promotion for overage and previously retained students in grades 3-8 based on demonstrated gains on multiple measures of student performance; 2) it reformats promotion criteria for grades 3-7 to reflect that promotion standards are consistent across these grades; 3) it clarifies the promotion policy for students in pre-kindergarten and kindergarten; 4) it clarifies that promotion criteria for English Language Learners (ELLs) are determined according to the student's number of years enrolled in a United States School System; 5) it clarifies that ELLs in grades 3-7 enrolled for at least two years but fewer than six years may meet the English language requirement of promotion criteria by achieving Proficiency Level 2 on the State English Language Arts assessment and clarifies that the same promotion criteria apply to all ELLs in grade 8 enrolled for at least two years but fewer than four years; 6) it clarifies that students with disabilities in grades 3-8 who participate in State and New York City assessments are held to the same promotion criteria as English proficient general education students unless their Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) specify a modified promotion standard, in which case they are held to the modified standard set forth in their IEPs; 7) it clarifies that students with disabilities in grades 9-11 are held to the same promotion criteria as English proficient general education students; 8) it removes language regarding high school graduation requirements to clarify that the purpose of this regulation is to set forth the standards students must achieve for promotion; 9) it removes references to attendance; attendance standards are addressed in Chancellor's Regulation A-210; 10) it updates language to reflect the Children First Network organizational structure; and 11) it updates contact information for inquires.

II. Information regarding where the full text of the proposed item may be obtained.

The full text of the proposed item can be found on the main page of the PEP website:

<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2012-2013/July2012PEPRegulations>

III. The name, office, address, email and telephone number of the city district representative, knowledgeable on the item under consideration, from whom information may be obtained concerning the item and to whom written or oral comments regarding the item under consideration can be submitted.

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IV. Date, time and place of the PEP meeting at which the Panel will vote on the proposed item under consideration.

July 18, 2012 at 6:00 P.M.
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