

Parents- what to do if your child is not promoted

Did you just find out that your child will not be promoted without going to summer school? The Chicago Public Schools student promotion policy says that your child must go to summer school if he or she has:

- SAT10 scores below the 25th percentile,
- a D or lower grade in math or reading, or
- more than 9 unexcused absences.

Many parents are upset when they get this news. Your child probably feels sad. He or she may think of summer school as a punishment. You may have vacation, camp, or other summer plans that are disrupted by this decision, or child-care or transportation issues. You're not alone.

Is there anything you can do?

- Make sure you have all the information about your child's grades, attendance, and test scores, including information from last year and his or her benchmark assessment reports.
- Read the promotion policy. You should be able to get a copy from the school, or call or e-mail PURE (see below).
- Talk to your child's teacher. The teacher has been with your child all year and can help you understand your child's status. Ask the teacher to explain how the SAT10 scores relate to all the other information you have about your child. Test scores only give a snapshot of what your child can do.
- Ask the teacher if he or she thinks summer school will help your child.
- It is very difficult to challenge the summer school requirement, but if you decide to do so, PURE can help.
- If your child does attend summer school, be aware of everything that you and your child must do to make sure he or she is promoted to the next grade. PURE has a parent fact sheet on promotion after summer school. Call us or find it on our web site, www.pureparents.org.

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