

PROMOTION RETENTION GUIDELINES FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL

Middle schools must have high expectations for students. It is our belief that all students should be expected to meet the outcomes of all subject areas of the prescribed curricula. This expectation recognizes that students who are on special education plans, either modified or individualized, may have differing outcomes, but will have the same expectation of completion. It is noted that students on accommodated plans will complete the same outcomes as the regular program.

Students who are not meeting learning outcomes at the end of the first reporting period will be identified as “at risk” on the first report card. Each school, in consultation with the school based student services team and the parents, will develop a plan of intervention to be implemented following the first reporting period. This intervention plan will reflect a school-based response that is determined based on parental involvement, school collaboration, and existing school resources. Parents of students who are not meeting learning outcomes by the end of the second reporting period and may be retained will be notified by letter on or before March 30, and it will be indicated on the second report card.

In determining the promotion of any student from one grade level to the next, school personnel will use the following criteria.

Grade 6 and 7

- Student must achieve an acceptable mark of 60% or higher in Language Arts and Mathematics

Grade 8

- Students must achieve an acceptable mark of 60% or higher in Language Arts and Mathematics
- In addition, students must have an overall average of 60% or higher

For Grade 8 only

Those students failing English and/or Mathematics, but who have at least a 50% mark in these subjects and an overall passing average will be eligible to attend summer school. Upon successful completion of summer school, students will be promoted to grade 9.

Term Weighting of Marks

Each Term’s mark will reflect a cumulative average of assessment from the beginning of the year.
i.e. The first home report will cover September-November, the second home report will cover September-March, and the final home report will cover September-June and be used for placement.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE FINAL DECISION ON PLACEMENT OF STUDENTS RESTS WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.