

Instruction

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Eighth grade students who have completed the district's prescribed course of study shall be eligible for a diploma of promotion.

The Governing Board shall adopt district standards for promotion/acceleration/retention in reading comprehension, writing and computational skills and in other areas the Board deems appropriate.

(cf. 5123 Promotion/Acceleration/Retention)
(cf. 5127 Graduation Ceremonies and Activities)
(cf. 6143 Courses of Study)

In order to receive an eighth grade graduation diploma, the following requirements must be met:

Promotion Standard

The student must achieve the minimum promotion standard for eighth grade.

(cf. 5123 Promotion/Acceleration/Retention)

Academic

The student must maintain a 1.5 cumulative GPA. The student must not receive more than six (6) failing grades in the four quarters of the eighth grade year.

Attendance

The student must be in attendance at least 85% of the school days (153 days). Home teaching or Independent Study will constitute attendance for excused absences.

Failure to fulfill any of the above requirements will also result in exclusion from graduation ceremonies and activities.

Behavioral

In addition students will not be allowed to participate in graduation activities or ceremonies if they have received more than 10 referrals or be suspended 15 or more days in their eighth grade year. If a student becomes ineligible for graduation activities, the parents will be notified immediately.

Appeal Process

All requirements must be met prior to the graduation ceremony. Any student who has been disqualified

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from graduation ceremonies or related activities may appeal to the school principal. A committee of teachers and administrators will be established to review any special circumstances.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE:

51215-51218 Student Progress

51225.4 Elementary school district certification of sufficient preparation

52510 Requirements for eighth grade graduation (adult school)

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