MIDDLE SCHOOL
PROMOTION AND RETENTION POLICY

Student Promotion: Promotion from middle school into high school will be based on the student's ability to achieve minimum proficiency in the areas of reading/English language Arts (ELA), and mathematics. Students in the 7th grade who are at risk of retention will receive a regular report card and will be automatically enrolled in the summer school intervention program.

Candidates for Retention:

☐ **CATEGORY 1 -**
Below Grade Level Proficiency – meets 2 of the 5 criteria below
- (Summer school may be recommended at the end of the 4th quarter)

☐ **CATEGORY 2 -**
At risk of retention – meets 3 of the 5 criteria below (modification of a 1.5 GPA or below)
- (Summer school required at the end of the 4th quarter)

☐ **CATEGORY 3 –**
Candidate for Retention - meets 4 of the 5 criteria below (modification of a 1.0 GPA or below)
- (Summer school required at the end of the 4th quarter)

Criteria for "At Risk":

- ✓ **Below minimum proficiency on the CST test in reading/ELA and Math.**
- ✓ **Below minimum proficiency in a District writing sample.**
- ✓ **Two or more failing grades on report card.**
- ✓ **Less than 90% attendance.**
- ✓ **GPA of 2.0 or below.**

Students who show improvement may be re-classified by the end of the school year or sooner. To assist in improving students' opportunity for promotion, students may enroll in after-school intervention programs such as the After School Program (ASP), 7th period intervention classes, or Saturday School. Students along with parent support can monitor their progress in class by checking their Agenda, accessing PowerSchool or requesting weekly progress reports.

A conference will be scheduled by a site administrator with the parents/guardians of those students who meet retention criteria. At this conference, interventions to improve academic performance will be prescribed, which may include summer school, before and/or after-school programs, Saturday school, tutorial programs, as well as other strategies specific to the needs of the students.

For more information, contact the school site.