

## PROMOTION/RETENTION OF EIGHTH GRADERS

Beginning on September 1, 2004, no student may be promoted from eighth grade to ninth grade unless the student satisfies the following criteria in sequential order:

1. Eighth grade students who obtain at least a proficient score in three of five categories and at least basic proficiency in the remaining categories on the Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examination (WKCE) will be promoted from eighth grade to ninth grade.
2. Eighth grade students who did not meet the criteria in the above paragraph must obtain passing grades in ten semester courses, seven of which must be in the core subjects of math, science, social studies, english, and language arts, or who have maintained a 1.5 overall grade point average will be promoted from eighth grade to ninth grade.
3. If the student did not meet the requirements identified in paragraphs #1 or #2 above, then a committee consisting of five educators who had been assigned the student in grade eight, along with the guidance counselor, principal, home school coordinator, and parent, if possible, will convene to review report card grades, classroom performance, other achievement tests, teacher recommendation, parent input, and other academic information. A consensus\* of the committee will determine if the student is retained or promoted to ninth grade. However, promotion may be based on a student remediation plan/contract designed by the committee if the plan/contract can be satisfactorily fulfilled prior to the upcoming fall school start date. \*\*Expenses incurred by any remediation may be the responsibility of the parent. See Promotion/Retention Information Sheet.
4. Exceptions to the above are students who have been placed in special education programs, alternative education programs, or programs designed to foster academic students' achievement. The student must also satisfy the requirements established in the individualized educational plan. If the requirements of the individualized plan are met, the student will be promoted from eighth grade to ninth grade.

NOTE: On the WKCE there are four proficiency levels for grades four and eight.

- Advanced: Distinguished achievement. Student shows an in-depth understanding of academic knowledge and skills tested.
- Proficient: Student is competent in the important academic and knowledge and skills tested.
- Basic: Student is somewhat competent in the academic knowledge and skills tested.
- Minimal: Student shows limited achievement in the academic knowledge and skill tested.

\* Consensus – The judgment arrived at by most of those involved. Group solidarity in sentiment and belief. – Webster's Collegiate Dictionary 10<sup>th</sup> ed.

\*\* Parents will not incur expenses if the remedial program is done internally but will be responsible for expenses incurred outside the school.

Ref: WI Statutes: 118.33(6)(a)(1), 118.33(6)(a)(2), 118.30(2)(b)(3), 118.15, 118.15(1)(d), 115.28(7)(e)(1), 115 (Sub. V)

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