

Promotion of students to the next grade level

What students need to know

What you need to do every year

For 6th, 7th, or 8th grade students to be promoted to the next grade level and avoid retention the FUSD Governing Board has established the following required courses for the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades:

- English Two (2) units per year – (core class)
- Mathematics Two (2) units per year – (core class)
- Social Studies Two (2) units per year – (core class)
- Science Two (2) units per year – (core class)
- **Up to four units of electives per school year**

These are the classes you have to pass every year. Any core classes you don't pass must be made up in summer school or the following semester in unit recovery. Unit recovery takes place after school from 2:30 to 4:00pm. In some instances unit recovery takes place during the school day instead of one of your electives. If you were failing any of your classes at the end of the 3rd quarter a letter was sent to your parent/guardian informing them of this.

For an 8th grader to be promoted to high school

Certificate of promotion (A.R.S. 15-701(D)) shall be presented to students fulfilling the following requirements:

Thirty (30) total units consisting of :

- Six (6) units of English
- Six (6) units of Mathematics
- Six (6) units of Social Studies
- Six (6) units of Science
- Six (6) units of Electives

And/or

- Successful passage (meets or exceeds) of the identified state standardized test.

(This information is also listed in the Parent/Student Handbook)

Important Dates for 8th graders

- Eighth grade promotion is scheduled for **Friday, May 20, 2022** and you must have all passing grades and must have earned all necessary credits to participate in this promotion ceremony. This includes completing any unit recovery classes.
- By **May 13, 2022** you must have passing grades in all current classes so that we may properly prepare for the promotion assembly. If do not have passing grades on May 13, 2022, this means you will *not* participate in the promotion ceremony.
- You will still need to participate in the end of the year final exams that occur the week of **May 23rd** with hope that you can still pass the course. If this occurs, you will be promoted to high school at the conclusion of the school year. If you don't meet the requirements by this time summer school starts in June. You will be able to make up units and still be able to be promoted to high school.

8th graders

If you were failing any of your classes at the end of the 3rd quarter a letter was sent to your parent/guardian informing them of this. Included in the letter were the important dates we just reviewed.

You are encouraged to meet the requirements for promotion by May 13th. Some students may think 8th grade Promotion Ceremony is no big deal, but it is so important to your family that they watch you participate in your 8th grade Promotion Ceremony.

Students define success

There's one quarter of the school year left. It's not too late to bring up your grades. To help with this we will participate in a student success activity.

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Ask students to get out a piece of paper and spend five minutes responding to the writing prompt "To be successful in class, students should _____."

After the students have completed the writing time, guide the class through the following steps:

1. Have the students think/pair/share to find what they think are the five most important ways to succeed in class.
2. Share the findings with the class and come to a consensus on the top five characteristics of a successful student.
3. Have students return to the paper they used at the beginning of the exercise. Ask them to write goals for themselves for the 4th quarter on the page.
 - a. Example of a goal: **"I will complete all of my assignments this quarter at least one day before they're due to avoid rushing through any work. To do this, I will list all of my assignments in order of their due date and work through them accordingly. I will spend 30 minutes every Sunday night determining which projects need attention during the week ahead."**
 - b. Example of a goal: **"I will prioritize my work every night to avoid having to stay up late to complete my assignments. I will do this by setting aside ten minutes before starting my homework each night to put away my electronic devices and rank my assignments in order of importance and due date."**
4. Collect the papers and follow up with students in the weeks ahead to review progress on their goals.