

## Promotion/Retention

### **R 9-27. Promotion/Retention (Beginning with 9<sup>th</sup> grade entering 2004)**

#### A. Generally

Promotions shall be made on an annual basis. In extremely exceptional cases, however, students may demonstrate outstanding progress or insufficient progress. In the first case, the student may be promoted during the year; in the second case, the student may be placed in a lower grade. Some students may need to be given another year in the same grade, in which case they shall be retained. As a general rule, students should not be retained more than once in the primary grades or more than once in the elementary grades. A student should not be retained more than two years in any one grade. The final decision for the placement of any student shall rest with the school authorities subject to state regulation.

#### Senior High School

Promotion in the senior high school to grades ten through twelve shall be based upon the number of standard and verified credits earned, and the successful completion of certain prerequisites in English. Designation of students by class (i.e., sophomore, junior, senior) shall be based upon the criteria that follow:

9<sup>th</sup> grade (freshman) to 10<sup>th</sup> grade – The successful completion of 4 standard credits including an English credit and 1 verified credit in EITHER science, social science OR mathematics.

10<sup>th</sup> grade (sophomore) to 11<sup>th</sup> grade – The successful completion of 10 standard credits including 2 English credits and 3 verified credits INCLUDING at least 1 in mathematics, 1 in science AND 1 in social science.

11<sup>th</sup> grade (junior) to 12<sup>th</sup> grade – The successful completion of 15 standard credits including 3 English credits and 4 verified credits INCLUDING at least 1 in English, 1 in mathematics, 1 in science AND 1 in social science.

12<sup>th</sup> grade (senior) to graduation (**Standard Diploma**) – The successful completion of 22 standard credits in state prescribed areas of study and 6 verified credits INCLUDING at least 2 in English, 1 in mathematics, 1 in science, 1 in social science, AND 1 student selected).

OR

12<sup>th</sup> grade (senior) to graduation (**Advanced Studies Diploma**) – The successful completion of 24 standard credits in state prescribed areas of study and 9 verified credits INCLUDING at least 2 in English, 2 in mathematics, 2 in science, 2 in social science, AND 1 student selected.

In order for students to participate in senior activities, they shall have met all credit requirements for that class by September of the school year they intend to graduate. Exceptions for accelerated students and for students with unusual circumstances may be made by the principal for activities only. Exceptions for handicapped students may be made on the basis of their individualized education programs.

The following definitions apply:

**Standard credit** – a standard credit is based on a minimum of 140 hours of instruction and successful completion of the requirements of the course.

**Verified credit** – a verified credit is based on a minimum of 140 clock hours of instruction; successful completion of the requirements of the course; and achievement of a passing score on the end-of-course SOL test or additional test for that course as approved by the State Board of Education.

**Student-selected test** – the student selected test may come from (a) any end-of-course SOL test that is not already satisfying a required verified credit or (b) tests in computer science, technology, or other areas prescribed by the State Board of Education.

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