

West Ada School District

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Series 600

Policy Title Middle School Credits

Policy No. 603.30

MIDDLE SCHOOL CREDITS

One (1) unit of credit shall be granted for successful course work completion for each semester. One (1) semester equals one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the year.

CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

Each 7th and 8th grade student must attain a minimum of eighty percent (80%) of the total credits attempted in order to be eligible for promotion to the next grade level. Each 7th and 8th grade student must earn at least 8 out of a possible 10 credits.

To be eligible for promotion to the next grade level, each 7th and 8th grade student must earn at least one credit from each of the year long classes.

8th Grade Classes and Credits

English – 2

Math – 2

Physical Science – 2

Western Geographical Perspectives – 1

Health – 1

Total Credits – 10

7th Grade Classes and Credits

English – 2

Math – 2

Life Science – 2

Literature and Strategies – 2

World Civilization – 2

Total Credits – 10

CREDIT RECOVERY

7th and 8th grade students who do not meet the minimum credit requirements will be given the opportunity to recover credits or complete an alternate mechanism in order to become eligible for promotion to the next grade level. Credit recovery options include, but are not limited to, lab classes, scheduled intervention, summer school, online courses, correspondence courses, and after school intervention.

ALTERNATE MECHANISM

7th and 8th grade students may demonstrate proficiency of required content standards through an alternative mechanism to determine eligibility for grade level promotion. The alternative mechanism will include, but is not limited to: improved attendance; academic growth; improved grades; ISAT scores; and end of course assessments. The alternate mechanism will be determined on an individual basis and will assess current levels of performance. Students may petition for reconsideration and must show data to support the petition. A school review board comprised of school representatives will review each petition to determine if a student has demonstrated proficiency of the appropriate content standards. The decision of the school review board may be appealed to a district review board comprised of the Director of Curriculum, Region Director, and one other district representative. The decision of the district review board is final. If the determination by the middle school team is attendance at summer school all school records for the student will be maintained at the middle school. If the student fails summer school, the home school team will reconvene to determine retention or an alternate mechanism. The decision of the school team will be sent to the next school along with the records.

ATTENDANCE

West Ada School District maintains that academic success is directly attributed to maintaining regular attendance throughout the school year. Students are allowed to six (6) absences per class period during the semester. Students who receive seven (7) absences in a class will lose credit unless cleared by the attendance office as extraordinary within five (5) days of the absence. Students who lose credit due to absences will need to participate in credit recovery or demonstrate proficiency through an alternate mechanism to determine eligibility for grade promotion. When a student is absent from school, it will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian to notify the school with the reason for the absence (see policy 501.20 Middle School Attendance).

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