

West Ada School District, Meridian

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Series 600

Policy Title Middle School Credits

Code 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 (1/2) of the year.

CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

Each 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade student must earn at least 8 out of a possible 10 credits.

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

<b>8th Grade Classes</b>	<b>Credits</b>		<b>7th Grade Classes</b>	<b>Credits</b>
English	2		English	2
Math	2		Math	2
Physical Science	2		Life Science	2
Physical Education	2		Literature and Strategies	2
World Geography	1		World Civilization	2
Health	1			
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>

CREDIT RECOVERY

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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,

50 scheduled intervention, summer school, online courses, correspondence courses, and after school  
51 intervention.

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53 ALTERNATE MECHANISM

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55 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students may demonstrate proficiency of required content standards through an  
56 alternative mechanism to determine eligibility for grade level promotion. The alternative mechanism  
57 will include, but is not limited to: improved attendance; academic growth; improved grades; ISAT  
58 scores; and end of course assessments. The alternate mechanism will be determined on an individual  
59 basis and will assess current levels of performance. Students may petition for reconsideration and  
60 must show data to support the petition. A school review board comprised of school representatives  
61 will review each petition to determine if a student has demonstrated proficiency of the appropriate  
62 content standards. The decision of the school review board may be appealed to a district review  
63 board comprised of the Director of Curriculum, Region Director, and one other district  
64 representative. The decision of the district review board is final. If the determination by the middle  
65 school team is attendance at summer school all school records for the student will be maintained at  
66 the middle school. If the student fails summer school, the home school team will reconvene to  
67 determine retention or an alternate mechanism. The decision of the school team will be sent to the  
68 next school along with the records.

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70 ATTENDANCE

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

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