



Riverbend Elementary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Your 8th grade child is entering an exciting part of his/her educational endeavor and has worked hard to reach the eighth grade. Participating in the eighth grade promotional ceremony is one milestone that students and parents often cherish. Eighth grade promotion is seen as a stepping stone towards high school graduation.

In an effort to see every 8th grade student successfully meet the promotional requirements, we are informing the student and his/her family of the requirements necessary to participate in the promotional ceremony. Yuba City Unified School District has adopted the following policy for 8th Grade Graduation and Promotion Ceremony Standards.

Board Policy (AR5127):

An Eighth Grade Student will not be permitted to participate in Eighth Grade Promotion Ceremonies if he/she does not meet the following requirements:

1. An eighth grade students' Grade Point Average (GPA), for the two semesters of their eighth grade year, must average at least 1.75
2. A school attendance record of 85 percent of the days/periods in which a pupil is enrolled for the current school year.
3. A student must pay all outstanding charges and return all school property.
4. A student on suspension at the time of the promotion ceremony shall not participate.
5. A student on contract, in lieu of expulsion, with the conditions of no extra curricular activities for 30 days, shall not participate in the promotion activities and/or ceremony.
6. A student must have cleared all tardies, cuts, and any other outstanding Saturday school assignments through appropriate school site processes.
7. An inter-district student must have been enrolled and in attendance at the school site no later than the beginning of the last nine weeks of school attendance.

8. Students attending promotion ceremonies will attend rehearsals and behave appropriately during the rehearsals and at the promotion ceremony.
9. Special Education students shall meet the standards set forth in their IEP related to eighth grade promotion. These standards shall not be set at a higher level than for general education students.

Appeals Process: A student may appeal the decision through the Site Appeal Committee. The Site Appeal Committee will consist of a site administrator, counselor and a teacher.

A district appeals process is provided to cover extenuating circumstances pertaining to student attendance/grade point average requirements. All appeals for failure to participate in the promotion ceremony shall be submitted in writing to the Yuba City Articulation Council no later than eight attendance days prior to the promotion ceremony; appeals should be sent to the attention of the Assistant Superintendent of Educational Service. A copy should be sent to the school site principal.

Please communicate with your child's teachers and/or counselor when necessary to ensure that your son/daughter is eligible to attend and participate fully in all graduation activities and ceremonies. You will be notified in writing after each grading period if your child is in jeopardy of not fulfilling the academic and/or attendance requirements for promotion. As we assist our students in reaching their academic goals, it is important to keep the promotional requirements in mind. It is also imperative that if concerns arise over your student's performance, we need to address those concerns as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Jevan Bains
Principal