

## **POLICY 6000.1: STUDENT PROGRESSION PLAN**

### **WHAT ELSE IS NEW FOR 2008-2009?**

- 🍏 The School Board of Broward County is expected to adopt amendments to Policy 6000.1: Student Progression Plan on July 22, 2008 addressing high school courses taken in middle school.
- 🍏 This amendment states that grades earned in high school courses taken in middle school will **NOT** be used in the District's calculation of grade point average (GPA), which is used for class rank determination. The grades will be used for all other GPAs including those used for graduation (i.e., the State GPA).
- 🍏 The amendment further allows students who earn a "B" or B+" in these classes to repeat the classes in high school; the new grade will **not** replace the old grade. This is intended to address those students who may need to repeat the class to strengthen their knowledge and skills in that content area.
- 🍏 The report cards that middle school students who took these classes received in June provided them with their grade but did not calculate their District GPA on the report card in anticipation of this change.

### **WHAT YOU NEED TO DO?**

- 🍏 Ensure that your parents and students understand that these courses will not be calculated in to the GPA used for class rank purposes but will be included for all other GPA calculations.
- 🍏 Ensure that your guidance staff is well versed in this issue in order to provide appropriate academic advisement to students and their parents on taking high school courses in middle school and in the availability of retaking a course if a "B" or B+" is earned. As always, academic advisement should also address the appropriateness of the course selection prior to decisions being made.
- 🍏 High school staff need to know that if the student earned a "B" or "B+" in the high school course taken in middle school they may retake the course; no credit or grade will be received.
- 🍏 Ensure that your guidance staff participates in sessions with the district guidance coordinators for more detailed information for academic advisement in this area.
- 🍏 Have a monitoring system in place to address students within the first few weeks of a high school course taken in middle school to consider a course change if there appears to be a mismatch (i.e., the student is doing poorly).
- 🍏 Forgiveness still applies for C or lower for these courses.

### **WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF YOU DON'T?**

- 🍏 Middle school students may not take high school rigorous courses in middle school because of concerns about the impact on their high school GPA.
- 🍏 Without proper academic advisement, students who are not ready for high school courses may take them and do poorly.

### **WHO NEEDS TO KNOW?**

- 🍏 Parents, students, guidance, ESE Specialists, teachers, schedulers.

### **HOW WILL YOU COMMUNICATE FOLLOW-UP?**

- 🍏 Through memos, area principal meetings and guidance meetings.

## **CONTACT**

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