

POLICY 6000.1: STUDENT PROGRESSION PLAN

WHAT'S NEW FOR 2007-2008?

- Pending final approval by the School Board on April 24, there will be changes that include:
 - Requiring Good Cause decisions to be made by the end of the year or the end of 3rd grade reading camp for 3rd graders, except in extenuating circumstances.
 - For 2006-07, middle school students no longer will need a point in the final quarter to pass a course; for 2007-08, points will no longer be used.
 - In middle school, students will still have to pass 4 out of 6 courses, but 2 of those courses will have to be core courses required for promotion to high school; course recovery will be offered.
 - Computer competency will be eliminated at high school but required at middle school to meet the NCLB requirements.
 - Life Management (1/2 credit) will continue to be required at high school for a standard diploma; this will be an extension of the HOPE state-required course.
 - Middle school students will continue to earn a "P" for high school courses taken on the middle school campus or virtually for 2006-07—**the state has just notified us that grades will be required for 2007-08; policy change to come.**
- There may be a change to the requirement of 1 credit in Fine Arts for a standard diploma back to our current policy—see the monthly update provided at the March 22 principal meeting.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO?

- Be sure you are planning for the changes and identifying any implications/challenges and notify Leah Kelly or Diane Carr by e-mail or phone (754-321-2560 and 321-1850, respectively)
- For middle school, be sure you are scheduling to include course recovery during the school year, that your 8th graders identified their area of interest, and that you are planning for the technology requirement.
- For high school, be sure all of your entering 9th graders identified their area of interest, including your ESE students; consider scheduling HOPE for 9th and 10th graders and the ½ credit of Life Management after that—HOPE is really a prerequisite to Life Management.
- Remember that the Procedural Manual (posted online with the policy) has important information that you and your staff should access.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF YOU DON'T?

- Students may not meet the requirements for promotion and graduation with a standard diploma.
- There will be inconsistency from school to school on policy implementation and that creates inequities.

WHO NEEDS TO KNOW?

- All staff, parents and students.

HOW WILL YOU COMMUNICATE FOLLOW-UP?

- At principals' meetings and through BECON.

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