

Success starts at home!

More than ever, you continue to play an important role in your child's education. You can help your child meet the 8th grade promotion requirements by fostering positive attitudes at home about completing school assignments, learning new skills, and "doing your best" in all subjects.

Here are some of the ways you can help your child become a successful student:

- ◇ Provide a quiet, well-lit space for your child to do his or her homework.
- ◇ Make sure your child has breakfast and brings nutritious snacks to school.
- ◇ Set an appropriate bed time and consistently enforce it.
- ◇ Read with your child or provide him or her with the opportunity to read quietly.
- ◇ Ask your child about his or her day at school and follow up with specific questions.
- ◇ Make sure that your child's digital school device is charged and taken to school everyday.
- ◇ Take your child to the library to support class projects, research, and their own personal interests.

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8th Grade Promotion Requirements

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The 8th grade ceremonies shall be held to recognize those students who have successfully completed the required course of study, passed all proficiency standards and thereby earned the right to receive a certificate of promotion. The Board of Trustees believes that these students deserve a public celebration that recognizes the significance of their achievement and encourages them to continue the pursuit of learning throughout their lives. In order to encourage high standards of student conduct and behavior, the principal may deny the privilege of participating in graduation ceremonies and/or activities in accordance with school rules (BP 5127). The following will be considered in determining eligibility for an 8th grade student to participate in any graduation activities (graduation dance, field trip, ceremony, etc.).

Requirements:

To be eligible for the promotional ceremony, students must earn a “D” grade or better in each subject for each trimester. No un-remediated F’s (8), or for each “F” grade, students must successfully complete 20 hours of remediation instruction in Intervention, Winter, Spring Break, or Summer School Program. To participate in all 8th grade promotional activities, trip and dance, students cannot be on the Ineligible list.

Students are also required to:

- All textbooks and electronics must be turned in prior to the end of the school year.
- Students who receive 10 days home suspension and/or 15 days in-school suspension for the school year may be ineligible to participate in 8th grade promotional activities. All suspensions must be cleared prior to participation in promotional activities. A 5 day suspension during the 3rd trimester automatically denies participation in promotional activities. 8th graders on the Ineligible list during the 3rd trimester are not allowed to participate in the 8th grade trip or dance.
- Any student who is absent from school for more than 50 days in the school year and who has not received home teaching may be a candidate for retention and will not participate in promotional activities.
- Students who transfer to Salida Union School District shall, upon enrollment, be subject to the provisions of this policy.
- 8th grade students who are on the Ineligible list for citizenship or GPA from the previous trimester may petition to participate in promotion ceremonies up to 2 weeks before promotion. Students may petition to get off the Ineligible list after the 4th week into the new trimester. Students whose petition is approved will be placed on probation and must maintain at least a “C” average (2.0 GPA), no “F” grades, have no suspensions and no more than 1 “U” to remain off the Ineligible list.
- Students must complete their 8th grade academic year with a 90% or better attendance rate. 8th graders with more than 15 tardies will be ineligible to participate in promotional activities. Students who are in jeopardy of not participating in promotion activities in the 3rd trimester will be notified of their citizenship and grade status. Students who are suspended at the time of promotion may lose the privilege of participating in the promotion ceremony.

Please note that students who fail to make satisfactory progress towards promotion standards during the 8th grade year may be kept from participation in any and all extra-curricular activities, such as: programs, sports, dances, trips, etc. If you have questions or concerns regarding your child’s promotion status, contact your child’s home-room teacher or principal.

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