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Promotion and Retention

Placement decisions shall be made on an individual basis by the school's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) with input from the Student Support Team. Written documentation of evidence that supports the individual promotion or retention decisions shall be on file in the student's permanent record.

Promotion and Retention decisions shall be made based on a review of the overall academic achievement and attendance requirements listed below by grade level. The school CEO shall use multiple measures for the final determination of student promotion or retention. This Policy shall supersede all previous SCA promotion retention policies.

Promotion Criteria:

A. Grade K

The following will be considered in determining promotion or retention of a student:

1. Adequately apply the oral/written language, reading, and mathematics taught during the year as observed, demonstrated, or tested.
2. Student readiness score on target assessments in Reading and Math.
3. Meet the requirements of the attendance policy.

B. Grades 1 – 5

The following will be considered in determining promotion or retention of a student:

1. Have a final grade of 70 or higher in oral/written language, reading, mathematics, social studies, and science.
2. Meet the requirements of the attendance policy.
3. Student must score ready for the next grade based on Georgia Milestones End of Grade testing for grades 3 through 5.
4. Student Readiness based on target assessment scores in Reading and Math.
5. Special provisions can be made for students who are English Learners (ELs) and students with identified disabilities.

C. Grades 6 - 8

The following will be considered in determining promotion or retention of a student:

1. Have a final grade of 70 or higher in language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies.
2. Have a final grade of 70 or higher in 75% of the total number of exploratory courses taken. (Each nine-weeks of a semester or yearlong course will be considered as a complete exploratory for this purpose.)
3. Meet the requirements of the attendance policy.

4. Student must score ready for the next grade based on Georgia Milestones End of Grade testing for grades 6 through 8.
5. Student Readiness based on target assessment scores in Reading and Math.

D. Placement and Appeals Process for Grades K-8

For students not meeting promotional criteria, SCA may establish placement committees for the appeals process. The request for an appeal is the responsibility of the parent.

E. Grades 9 - 12 Promotion Requirements

1. Ninth Grade Students- In order to be considered for promotion to the tenth grade, students must meet each of the following standards:

- Pass successfully at least 5 units
- Minimum of 1 unit in English
- Minimum of 1 unit in Mathematics
- Minimum of 1 unit in Science
- Minimum of 1 unit in Social Studies

2. Tenth Grade Students: In order to be considered for promotion to the eleventh grade, students must meet each of the following standards:

- Pass successfully at least 10 units
- Minimum of 2 units in English
- Minimum of 2 units in Mathematics
- Minimum of 2 units in Science
- Minimum of 2 units in Social Studies

3. Eleventh Grade Students: In order to be considered for promotion to the twelfth grade, students must meet each of the following standards:

- Pass successfully at least 16 units
- Minimum of 3 units in English
- Minimum of 3 units in Mathematics
- Minimum of 3 units in Science
- Minimum of 2 units in Social Studies
- Minimum of 1 unit in World Language/Latin and/or Fine Art and/or CTAE