

Pickens County Board Policy IHE

Middle School (Grades 6-8) Criteria for Promotion

To be promoted to the next grade level, students in grades 6-8 must pass year-long language arts, reading, and math classes, and may not fail more than one other core academic class (e.g. science, social studies, or averaged final grade from each connections class). A student's final grade in each connection class (e.g. art, band, chorus, etc.) will be averaged to equate one core academic class.

Students who do not meet these promotion criteria will be required to successfully complete a summer school program of studies. If the student does not successfully complete the assigned summer school program, the decision to promote or retain the student will be made by a school placement committee.

A placement committee is composed of the principal or his/her designee, a parent or guardian of the student, and an academic subject area teacher. A decision to place the student in the next grade level must be a unanimous decision of the placement committee.

Eighth grade students are also required to pass the **language arts, reading, and math** portions of the Georgia Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests (CRCT) to be promoted to ninth grade.

Eighth grade students who do not pass these tests will be required to successfully complete summer school and retake the previously failed portion(s) (i.e. reading and/or math) of the CRCT. Any eighth grade student who does not pass the required reading and math portions of the CRCT after two attempts will be referred to a placement committee to determine whether the student is promoted to the ninth grade or retained in the eighth.

Any student in grades 6-8 who is retained or does not meet the criteria for promotion to the next grade level, but is assigned to the next grade level by a placement committee will have an

Individualized Learning Plan (ILP) developed by a Student Support Team (SST) in place prior to the beginning of the next school year. The SST will include the principal or his/her designee, the student's parents/guardians, at least two of the student's previous teachers, and at least two of the student's teachers for the upcoming school year.