Code: **IKE**
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Promotion and Retention of Students

The Board is dedicated to total and continuous development of each student enrolled. The professional staff is expected to place students at the grade level best suited to them academically, socially and emotionally.
Students will normally progress annually from grade to grade. Exceptions may be made when, in the judgment of the professional staff, such exceptions are in the best educational interest of the students involved. Exceptions will always be made after prior notification and explanation to the student's parents, but the final decision will rest with school authorities.

Promotion requirements for students being considered for promotion to the high school shall be:

English	*4 semesters*
Mathematics	*4 semesters*
Science	*3 semesters*
Social Studies	*3 semesters*
Elective	*3 semesters**
Physical Education	*3 semesters**

** Required for students attending schools offering these courses. Students in schools which do not offer these courses must meet the minimum promotional requirements set forth in statute.*

These requirements shall go into effect with students enrolled in the sixth (6 grade during the 2010-2011 school year, and be in place each year after.

Students in grades 9-11 must be enrolled in a full load of courses based upon the master schedule of the school. Students in grade 12 must be enrolled in a minimum of five (5) courses or the equivalent of five periods per day based upon a traditional schedule. A student's status as a member of a particular class is determined by the number of completed semesters he/she has earned and coincides with testing regulations as specified below:

- *Sophomores must have completed a minimum of 2 semesters*
- *Juniors must have completed a minimum of 4 semesters*
- *Seniors must have completed a minimum of 6 semesters*

A student who has not earned the following number of credits in a given year shall be deemed "credit deficient":

- *End of Freshman year 5 credits*
- *End of Sophomore year 11 credits*
- *End of Junior year 17 credits*

All students, regardless of status in a particular class, must earn the required number of credits in the correct courses to be considered for graduation of any Mineral County School. A student will be granted a maximum of five (5) consecutive school years from the time he/she enters the ninth grade to complete all requirements for a high school diploma in the comprehensive high school setting.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s): Adopted Regulation of the State Board of Education LCB File No. R022-09