



Gateway School

8th Grade Promotion 2020-2021 Expectations

August 21, 2020

Welcome back Gecko Families! Ensuring your student's success is a top priority here at Gateway School. The Gateway Promotion Expectations are designed to establish clear and appropriate communication between home and school regarding your child's 8th grade promotion status. This document provides an overview of the expectations for students, parents, teachers, and school administration throughout the promotion decision-making process.

Standards: Students must demonstrate accomplishment of the standards in English language arts, mathematics, science and social studies adopted by the State Board of Education. In addition to these standards, test scores, grades, teacher recommendations, and other pertinent data may be used to determine promotion.

Promotion Criteria for 8th Grade: The criteria below informs the decision for promotion activities in May.

A. Academics: The minimum requirement for promotion to the next grade level is a D (60%) or higher after Quarter 1 - 4 report card grades are averaged for each of the four core academic subjects. A student must pass all four core academic subjects (English language arts, mathematics, science and social studies) to qualify for the Academic Promotion Certificate.

B. Behavior: Students must maintain satisfactory citizenship and behavior. Students who have been suspended during their eighth grade year or have discipline referrals may be excluded from the promotion activities, per the principal's discretion.

C. Attendance: The minimum attendance standard for the Arizona Department of Education is 90% of the days of the school year per A.R.S. §15-802 and A.R.S. § 15-803. Extenuating circumstances will be considered on an individual basis. Students who are absent 10% or more of the school year, or 18 days, may be excluded from the promotion activities, per the principal's discretion.

Make Up Assignments: Students may make up assignments missed due to absences. Students shall be allowed the same number of days to complete make up work as they were absent, plus one.

Grades: Synergy, Progress Reports, and Report Cards: Synergy is an online tool where parents and students can monitor their academic progress from every class anytime, anywhere. We highly encourage parents and students to use the Synergy website or app on a weekly basis.

https://az-crsd.edupoint.com/login_parent_pxp.aspx?regenerateSessionId=True

- Quarter 1: Progress Reports sent home on 8/30/19 Report Cards provided at conferences on 10/4/19
- Quarter 2: Progress Reports sent home on 11/15/19 Report Cards sent home on 12/20/19
- Quarter 3: Progress Reports sent home on 1/31/20 Report Cards provided at conferences on 3/4/20
- Quarter 4: Progress Reports sent home on 4/17/20 Report Cards provided after Promotion on 5/21/20

Family Involvement: Family involvement in homework should be supportive of student learning and monitor the students' homework completion. Contact your student's teachers early and often as problems arise to discuss your child's progress through the **front office at 602-381- 4665** or **email the teachers**. If families need more resources or support, please do not hesitate to contact the Parent Liaison, Claudia Cocoba at ccocoba@creightonschools.org, call the Gateway office 602-381-4665, or walk-in.

- English Language Arts Ms. Goldmacher agoldmacher@creightonschools.org
- Math Ms. Donnelly kdonnelly@creightonschools.org
- Science Mr. Smith bsmith@creightonschools.org
- Social Studies Mr. Hurwitz jhurwitz@creightonschools.org
- ELA and Math: Ms. McFarland jmcfarland@creightonschools.org

Promotion Notification Timelines:

- Quarter 3:
 - Notice #1 Letter for students not on track sent home with Q.3 Progress Report on 2/7/20.
 - Notice #2 Letter for students not on track with Q.3 Report Card. Discussed during **Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences** on Mar. 4-6, 2020.
- Quarter 4:
 - **Administrative/Parent Conferences** will begin for 8th grade students whose eligibility is in danger with Q.4 Progress Report on 4/17/20.
 - **Invitation or Letter with Final Decision** provided to student on Fri, 5/15/20.

Promotion Events: These events are privileges that must be earned by the student. Eligibility is based on the criteria previously explained (A-C). School administration has the final decision.

- **Mandatory Parent 8th Grade Promotion Meeting** Wed, Feb (Date to be determined) 5:00-6:30 pm.
- **Field Trip** on Mon, 5/18/20 from 9:00 - 2:00 pm.
- **Dinner/Awards** on Tue, 5/19/20 from 4:30-6:30pm.
- **Promotion Parade & Ceremony** on Thu, 5/21/20. Parade= 8:45-9:00 am. Ceremony= 9:00-10:00 am.

These expectations are implemented to encourage positive student engagement throughout the school year. We appreciate your support towards this goal; please **sign the second page** of this letter and **return it to your child's Homeroom** teacher by **Fri, Aug, 9, 2019**.

Respectfully,

Andy Gutierrez
Principal, Gateway School



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Las Expectativas de Promoción de 8o Gr. del año 2019-2020 Escolar

Student: _____ Homeroom: _____
Last Name First Name

We have reviewed the 8th Grade Promotion 2019-2020 Expectations as a family. We understand the promotion activities in May are earned based on Academic, Behavior, and Attendance criteria.

Hemos revisado las Expectativas de Promoción de 8o Grado 2019-2020 como una familia. Entendemos que las actividades de promoción en mayo se obtienen según los criterios académicos, de comportamiento y de asistencia.

Student Signature/Firma de Estudiante Date/Fecha

Parent/Guardian Signature/Firma de Padre Date/Fecha

Please return this page signed to your Homeroom teacher by _____.

Por favor devuelva esta página firmada a su maestro/a de Homeroom antes del _____.