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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope this letter finds you well as we share important information regarding updated promotion and retention standards for middle school students in Iredell-Statesville Schools. These standards were developed collaboratively by the Middle School Principal Team and approved by the Executive Cabinet and District Administrative Team to provide clear guidance for student progress.

The updated standards give principals a structured approach for making individual promotion and retention decisions, in alignment with North Carolina General Statute, which entrusts the final decision to the school principal. These standards are now in effect and will be applied as we make promotion and retention decisions in May 2025.

Our goal is to ensure all students meet the necessary expectations to advance confidently to the next grade level. To support students who may be struggling, schools will utilize the Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS), provide unit recovery opportunities, establish academic contracts, and communicate frequently with parents and guardians. We believe that sharing student progress and areas for improvement with you on a regular basis will help us work together to address any concerns early, ensuring students stay on track for promotion.

If you have any questions about the promotion and retention standards or how they might impact your student, please reach out directly to your school's principal. We are here to work in partnership with you to support your child's academic journey and success.

Thank you for your continued support and collaboration.

Sincerely,

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Middle School Promotion /Retention Standards for 2024-2025

Students must meet at least 2 out of the 3 following criteria to be promoted to the next grade level:

- A student must pass at least two of the four academic classes (math, science, language arts, and social studies) for the year. This is indicated in Power School as the F1 grade.
- Students are required to pass the end-of-grade tests (EOGs).
 - Math
 - Reading
 - 8th Grade Science EOG.
- Students must not have accumulated more than 10 unexcused absences.

(According to NC GS 115-C - Principal has the final authority to grade and classify students. EC, ML, and special considerations will factor into the principal final decision.)

