

VALE MIDDLE SCHOOL 7TH/8TH GRADE PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS

Promotion Requirement: Any student who receives an F in any course will not be considered for promotion to the next grade unless he/she meets the promotion criteria. **If a student fails to meet the promotion criteria alternative education will be discussed.**

Report and Communication to Students and Parents

Written reports of students' grades, progress reports, and absences shall be issued to parents at least four times a year through the mail or at parent/teacher conferences. Parents/guardians will be given a login code and password which will allow them to check their child's grades, absences, etc. at all times during the school year via the internet. For those parents without access to the internet, grade reports will continue to be sent home with students on a bi-monthly basis. Parents/guardians will be notified of student benchmark progress as appropriate and when available. The Promotion Policy will be explained to each student at the beginning of the school year as part of the orientation process for all 7th and 8th grade students. The Promotion Policy will be available in the student handbook each student receives during the orientation process or whenever they register for school as well as on line at the Vale School District website.

Promotion Requirements:

Students considered for promotion will be students in good standing in regards to discipline referrals, attendance, tardiness and citizenship. If a student receives a failing grade in any class, that failing grade will be expected to be made up immediately following the end of the nine weeks in which the failing grade was earned. The length of time and method in which the course work will be made up will be determined by the Promotion Committee. Make up work must be of an acceptable quality as determined by the Promotion Committee. Course work that is made up will count toward promotion, but will not change the final grade for extra curricular eligibility.

Parents will be contacted by the principal regarding the timeline and expected course work to be completed.

Conditional Promotion:

On a case by case basis, a student in good standing may be considered for conditional promotion to the next grade level by the Vale Middle School Promotion Committee when said committee deems it to be in the best interest of the student.

Special Circumstances:

- A student on an IEP or identified as ELL will have accommodations for class work as per the students IEP. In classes where students have received appropriate accommodations, they will be subject to the same promotion requirements as other students.
- Students who have previously been retained will fall into a special category.
- Requirements will be adjusted for out of district students who enter VMS mid-year.

The final decision regarding promotion or retention of students rests with the principal.

Vale Middle School Promotion Committee:

This committee shall consist of the Principal, ELL Consulting teacher (when necessary), SPED teacher (when necessary), and three Core teachers (appointed by the principal) from the 7th and 8th grade.