



STERLING MIDDLE SCHOOL PROMOTION SYSTEM

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As part of Sterling Middle School's ongoing commitment to see educational achievement for all students, the RE-1 Valley Board of Education, in 2013, approved a promotion/retention policy. Students are required to earn a minimum of 18 points each year in order to promote to the next grade level. Students must score one point in each of the academic and assessment categories.

If you have trouble understanding how it works or have questions please contact your child's Tiger Time teacher or the SMS office at 522-1041.

Sincerely,

Robert Hall, Principal

A minimum of 18 points per year must be acquired to proceed to the next grade. *8th grade students who do not meet this requirement WILL NOT be allowed to participate in Continuation exercises.

Academics (Each Quarter and Final grade) 20 points maximum

1 point: Passing 1 of 4 core classes

2 points: Passing 2 of 4 core classes

3 points: Passing 3 of 4 core classes

4 points: Passing 4 of 4 core classes

Core classes are: Science, Math, Language Arts and Social Studies

Assessments -2 points maximum

1 point for reaching or exceeding Growth goal on NWEA tests in each Math & Reading

Attendance- -3 points maximum

School related Activity/Sports absences do not count against a student's average daily attendance.

1 point for 90%

2 points for 92%

3 points for 95%

Example: A student has 175 school days and misses 10.5 days, that is 94% attendance earning 2 points

Unified Arts/Exploratory - 4 Points maximum

1 point: Pass all Unified Arts and Exploratory classes each quarter

Unified Arts classes: Music/Choir/Band, PE, Technology courses, Exploratory/Intervention, Art or Foreign Language

Opportunities for success at Sterling Middle School

There are many educational opportunities available during the school year for students to succeed. (Extended Day, Before and After school tutoring, etc.)

In the event a student does NOT acquire enough points to promote to the next grade level at the end of the year

- They may participate in Sterling Middle School Summer School (\$100 *per course* needed to pass)
- Enroll on your own to take certified and approved correspondence courses (at parents own expense) and provide record to SMS upon completion.
- We will review current state testing results in August (providing they arrive prior to the start of school) to see if enough points would be scored for promotion.

*Extenuating circumstances shall be taken into consideration by a committee made up of the principal, a grade level teacher, counselor, and grade level resource teacher.