

# Middle School Promotion Criteria

## 2008 – 2009

### Sixth Grade Students

(For Promotion to 7<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Must earn passing grade averages **each** semester in no less than 4 out of 5 classes with connections classes combined into one semester average. Both Language Arts and Math must have passing averages **each** semester.

First Semester – average of 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> nine weeks progress report grades

Second Semester – average of 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> nine weeks progress report grades

*Students must earn a passing grade average both semesters in order to pass the course for the school year.*

### Seventh Grade Students

(For Promotion to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Must achieve a passing score on **each** of the following:

\* CRCT Reading \* CRCT Language Arts \* CRCT Math \* Gateway Math Reasoning Test \* CRCT Science

\*Must also earn a minimum grade average of 70 **each semester** in Social Studies.

### Eighth Grade Students

(For Promotion to 9<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Must earn passing grade averages **each** semester in no less than 4 out of 5 classes with connections classes combined into one semester average. Both Language Arts and Math must have passing averages **each** semester.

First Semester – average of 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> nine weeks progress report grades

Second Semester – average of 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> nine weeks progress report grades

*Students must earn a passing grade average both semesters in order to pass the course for the school year.*

Must achieve a passing score on **each** of the following:

\* CRCT Reading \* CRCT Math \* Georgia 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Writing Assessment

### Special Education and English Language Learner Programs – Grades 6, 7 & 8

- Promotion decisions for students in special education programs are determined by the IEP.
- Special Education students must participate in either GAA or CRCT.
- Promotion decisions for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade ELL students are guided by the AKS Modification/Intervention Plan.
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade ELL students must meet state promotion requirements unless exceptions are approved by a SST.
- *If first year in a U.S. school*, ELL students must participate in ACCESS as well as Math and Science CRCT.
- All other ELL students must participate in ACCESS and *all sections of the CRCT*.

### Summer School Opportunity

Students may participate in summer school to make-up a semester failure, but not a year long failure in a particular subject. Middle school students who attend summer school may take no more than two subject area classes for promotion.

Additionally, summer school is recommended for students who have not passed one or more of the following:

- a 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade CRCT subtest that is required for promotion
- the 7<sup>th</sup> grade Gateway Mathematics Reasoning Test (MRT) that is required for promotion
- the Georgia 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Writing Assessment that is required for promotion (These students will be provided retests prior to the end of the school year and, if necessary, may attend summer school.)

Retests for these state and local assessments will be provided at the end of summer school.