

**K-8 Promotion Requirements****ELEMENTARY (K-5)**

A student shall be promoted when, in the professional judgment of the teacher/s and the principal and other professional school staff, he/she has successfully mastered the identified instructional standards of Georgia Public Schools (K-5) and Richmond County Board of Education.

**State Promotion Requirements**

- No third grade student shall be promoted to the fourth grade that does not achieve grade level on the state-adopted assessment and meet the local promotion standards and criteria established by The Richmond County Board of Education.\*
- No fifth grade student shall be promoted to the sixth grade that does not achieve grade level on the state-adopted assessment and meet the local promotion standards and criteria established by The Richmond County Board of Education.\*

**Additional Richmond County Promotion Requirements**Kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades

To meet promotion requirements, a student must master essential standards for Language Arts and essential standards for Mathematics as identified on the Richmond County Board of Education report card.

Grades Fourth and Fifth

In addition to State Promotion Requirements in grade five, students in grades fourth and fifth must:

- a. Obtain a passing grade on the report card in
  - Mathematics
  - Language Arts
- b. Obtain a passing grade on the report card in at least two of the following:
  - Social Studies
  - Science

-Health

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8)**

A student shall be promoted when, in the professional judgment of the teacher/s and the principal and other professional school staff, he/she has successfully mastered the identified instructional standards of Georgia Public Schools and Richmond County Board of Education.

#### **State Promotion Requirements**

- No eighth grade student shall be promoted to the ninth grade that does not achieve grade level on the state-adopted assessment and meet the local promotion standards and criteria established by The Richmond County Board of Education.\*

#### **Additional Richmond County Promotion Requirements**

To meet promotion requirements students in grades six-eighth must:

- a) Obtain a passing grade on the report card in:
  - Mathematics
  - Language Arts
- b) Obtain a passing grade on the report card in at least one of the following:
  - Social Studies
  - Science
- c) Obtain a passing average in at least half of all connections courses.

#### Communication for Grades K-8

If a student is not meeting the above requirements, the parent/guardian will be notified in the following manner:

1. Midway through the first nine weeks (4 ½ weeks of instruction): A parent conference should be held to discuss strengths and weaknesses and offer suggestions for student improvement. A parent conference shall be

scheduled to develop an educational plan for each student experiencing difficulties.

2. End of second nine weeks (18 weeks of instruction): At the end of the second nine weeks, the report card and the report card envelope will indicate with a check mark when the student is not making satisfactory progress toward promotion. The report card envelope will also indicate promotion difficulties. A parent conference must be held for each student not making satisfactory progress toward promotion.
  
3. End of third nine weeks (27 weeks of instruction): At the end of the third nine weeks, the report card and report card envelope will indicate with a check mark when the student is not making satisfactory progress toward promotion. The report card will also indicate promotion difficulties. A parent-teacher conference shall be held at this time to evaluate student progress in order to determine improvement needed to meet promotion requirements.
  
4. End of the school year-fourth nine weeks (36 weeks of instruction): Conference must be scheduled for all students who are not meeting promotion requirements. The parent/guardian of a student who has been retained will be notified in the final report card.

In addition to the communication described here, when a student does not perform at grade level in grades levels 3, 5, and 8 on the state adopted assessment (s) specified above the school system will also follow communication guidelines and procedures outlined by the Promotion, Placement and Retention State Rule 160-4-2.11 adopted November 6, 2014 and effective November 27, 2014.