

# ZCMS Grade 8 PROMOTION CRITERIA



# Promotion Activities

- Participation in the Promotion Ceremony
- Great America or Other Field Trip
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance
- Other Special Events (i.e., Barbecue, etc.)
- Spirit Week Activities



# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremony and End of Year Activities Criteria

- 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be required to earn credits based on academic performance and school attendance in order to participate in the end-of-year 8<sup>th</sup> grade activities, including promotion. Students can earn a total of 7 credits for the year. The following credit system outlines 8<sup>th</sup> grade participation:
- Earning 7 credits = Great America, 8<sup>th</sup> grade Dance and Promotion
- Earning 6 credits = Great America and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Dance only
- Earning 5 credits = Great America only

# Academic Criteria

- Academic Performance (worth up to 6 credits)
- Students must maintain a grade point average of 1.0 or higher, cumulative, in each core subject, PE/Health, and Explore over the course of the year to earn a credit for that class. The grade used will be the performance grade in each subject area for each quarter. If their GPA is lower than a 1.0 in any of these classes they may be at risk of not participating in one or more of the end-of-year 8<sup>th</sup> grade activities.



# Academic Criteria (cont.)

*Below is an example of four student's grades in one of their classes.*

*A = 4.0      B = 3.0      C = 2.0      D = 1.0      F = 0.0*

*(Class average - add up the 4 quarters and divide by 4)*

*In the examples below, Student A and C would earn a credit for their class towards participation in 8<sup>th</sup> grade activities.*

	<u>1st qtr.</u>	<u>2nd qtr.</u>	<u>3rd qtr.</u>	<u>4th qtr.</u>	<u>Class avg. for the year</u>	<u>Credit Earned</u>
<i>Student A</i>	<i>D (1.0)</i>	<i>D (1.0)</i>	<i>F (0.0)</i>	<i>C (2.0)</i>	<i>D ( 1.0)</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Student B</i>	<i>D (1.0)</i>	<i>D (1.0)</i>	<i>F (0.0)</i>	<i>D(1.0)</i>	<i>F (0.75)</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Student C</i>	<i>F (0.0)</i>	<i>D (1.0)</i>	<i>B (3.0)</i>	<i>F (0.0)</i>	<i>D (1.0)</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Student D</i>	<i>C (2.0)</i>	<i>D (1.0)</i>	<i>F (0.0)</i>	<i>F (0.0)</i>	<i>F (0.75)</i>	<i>No</i>

# Attendance Criteria

- Attendance (worth 1.0 credit)
- Students must be in attendance 90% of the school year in order to participate in the end-of-year activities. This percentage allows a child to be absent 18 days out of the 180 day school year. The following reasons will NOT count against the students' attendance record for the purpose of end-of-year activities: (1) Funerals and the death of a close relative/family friend; (2) Suspension issued by the school (3) Each day absence, which a doctor has approved.



# Behavior Criteria

- Student behavior during the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of school will be cumulative and result in the loss of 8<sup>th</sup> grade activities. Students who are absent from school or serving a suspension on the day of the ceremony will not be allowed to participate
- If a student acquires two (2) major office referrals between January 22, 2019 and the time of the first end-of-year activity, the student will be excluded from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class trip to Great America
- If a student acquires three (3) major office referrals during that same time period, the student will be excluded from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class trip to Great America and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance
- If a student acquires four (4) major office referrals during that same time period, the student will be excluded from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class trip to Great America and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance and the promotion ceremony.
- Behavior resulting in an out-of-school suspension during second semester will be equivalent to 2 major ODRs excluding students according to number 1-3 above.
- Building administration reserves the right to make final decisions regarding student participation in 8th grade activities.