

PROMOTION & RETENTION POLICY

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The Wilkinson County School District is dedicated to the total and continuous development of each student. A student's progress is the responsibility of all stakeholders involved in the educational process: the student, his or her parents, and the school faculty and staff.

The curriculum is based on the *Mississippi Curriculum Frameworks*, as developed by the Mississippi Department of Education. Parents are encouraged and expected to be actively involved in their child's education.

Lower Elementary

Students must maintain a 65% or above in Language Arts, Reading, and Math in Kindergarten,

First, and Second Grade. Students are required to attain the skill levels set forth in the Common

Core State Standards which was adopted and implemented in all Kindergarten through Second Grade Mississippi public schools during school year 2011-2012.

Upper Elementary

A student must pass with a 65% or above in Language Arts and Mathematics, along with either Science or Social Studies, to be promoted.

Literacy Based Promotion Act

S.B. No. 2347: Literacy-Based Promotion Act; establish in public schools to achieve grade-level reading by end of 3rd Grade. Passes during the 2013 legislative session, the Literacy-Based Promotion Act places an emphasis on grade-level reading skills for students, particularly as they progress through grades K-3. Beginning in the 2014-2015 school year, a student scoring at the lowest achievement level in reading on the established state assessment for 3rd grade will not be promoted to 4th grade unless the student meets the good cause exemptions for promotion.

Middle School Course/Class Requirements

Successful completion of a course shall be based upon mastery of the competencies and objectives in the WWMS Curriculum, with a grade average of D (65) or higher as the final grade in the course.

- A student in grade 6 must have a final grade average of a D (65) or higher average in the core academic program, including English, Math, Science, and Social Studies.
- A student in grade 7 must have a final grade average of a D (65) or higher average in the core academic program, including English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Learning Strategies (if applicable).
- A student in grade 8 must have a final grade average of a D (65) or higher average in the core academic program, including English, Math, Science, Social Studies, Technology Foundation, and Learning Strategies (if applicable).
- Students in grades 6 – 8 who fail to complete one (1) or two (2) core subjects may have the opportunity to complete the deficiencies in an Extended School Year (ESY) program. If the student does not attend nor successfully complete the course objectives in ESY, the student will be retained in the current grade.

Students in grades 6 – 8 who do not complete the requirements for three or more core subjects will be retained in the current grade. ESY will not be an option and the entire grade-level must be repeated. The report card shall serve as notice to parents of the student's progress throughout the school year.

Classification of High School Students:

- Freshmen: Students who completed 8th grade in an accredited school; (successfully mastering English I)
- Sophomores: Students who have earned at least 7 credits; (successfully mastering English II)
- Juniors: Students who have earned at least 13 credits; (successfully mastering English III)
- Seniors: Students who have earned at least 18 credits;

Graduate: A student having met all Mississippi graduation requirements and all local requirements.