

**KANAWHA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY**  
**Promotion And Classification of Students - Secondary**  
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**5.01 Promotion From Grades 6, 7 And 8.** Promotion from grade six (6) to seven (7), grade seven (7) to eight (8) and grade eight (8) to nine (9) will occur when the student has passed six (6) semester classes of the following:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Studies

**5.02 Student Review.** Any student in grades six (6) to eight (8) who does not pass the required number of semester classes will be reviewed by the Student Assistance Team (SAT). The SAT will examine the student's academic, social, and emotional growth, including mastery of the West Virginia goals and objectives, before recommending promotion or retention. If the SAT is considering promoting a student from the eighth to the ninth grade, the receiving high school will be invited to participate in the meeting.

**5.03 Promotion to Grade Nine at Mid Year.** Eighth grade students, who pass the required number of semester classes in midyear and wish to be promoted to the ninth grade at the semester, must be reviewed by the school's SAT. A representative from the receiving high school must be included in the SAT. At that time the student's academic, social and emotional growth should be examined before recommending promotion to ninth grade. In the event that promotion is recommended in midyear, the SAT shall develop a plan to provide the student with extra support during the transition period at the high school.

**5.04 Promotion From Grade 9 to 10.** Promotion from grade nine (9) to ten (10) will occur when a student has earned five (5) credits and passed six (6) of eight (8) semesters in English, Social Studies, Mathematics, and Science.

**5.05 Classification of Students in High School.** A student will be classified as a freshman (grade 9) upon enrollment. A student will be classified as a sophomore (grade 10) when the student has earned

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five (5) credits. A student will be classified as a junior (grade 11) when the student has earned eleven (11) credits. A student will be classified as a senior (grade 12) when the student has earned seventeen (17) credits.

**5.06 Credits Before Grade 9.** Beginning with the 1991-92 school year, high school level courses (Foreign Language Levels I and II, Algebra and Geometry) taken by a student before grade nine (9) will be counted toward the total credits required for graduation and the requirements in each subject area; and, they will be calculated in a student's grade point average. These courses will be identified on the student's permanent record card.

**5.07 Credit For Full-Year Skill Based Courses.** Students who take full-year skill based courses in mathematics, foreign language, and keyboarding may be given full credit upon passage of the second semester of the course, if, in the opinion of the teacher, the student has mastered the subject matter in full.