

Advancement Requirements (9 through 12)

The District has established a set of advancement requirements for 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students which will act as a guide in helping students move methodically and purposefully on a course that will eventually lead to high school graduation. Therefore, the District requires the following for advancement:

1. A student who successfully completes any required high school course with a grade of C or higher prior to entering the 9<sup>th</sup> grade shall have that grade, and the number of credit hours assigned to the course, transferred to the student's high school transcript. The course must be taught by a certified teacher who meets the federal definition of highly qualified and must meet the same standards as those required in high school. Courses taken in middle school appearing in the student's high school transcript shall count for the purpose of high school graduation. However, the student must complete the number of credits required by State law and administrative rules for each high school core subject.
2. To advance to the 10<sup>th</sup> grade, students must earn at least 12 credits in 9<sup>th</sup> grade, 6 credits of which must be in English, math, or science.
3. Failure to pass a 9<sup>th</sup> grade English, math, or science class shall necessitate the failed course being retaken in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade even though the student may have earned enough credit to advance to the 10<sup>th</sup> grade.
4. Students who have failed one or more 9<sup>th</sup> grade courses may get credit for that course by retaking it during the summer.
5. A student who is retained in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade would normally have to repeat all classes. However, the junior and senior high principals may, through a joint agreement, allow the student to take one or more advanced courses. In the event that the principals of the junior and senior high do not agree on allowing a student to take advanced courses, the decision will be appealed to the Superintendent.
6. Students may be retained at each grade level if the following year requirements are not met by August 30:
  - A. A minimum of 12 credits is required for advancement into the 10<sup>th</sup> grade;
  - B. A minimum of 24 credits is required for advancement into the 11<sup>th</sup> grade; and
  - C. A minimum of 36 credits is required for advancement into the 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

Legal References: I.C. § 33-512C District Trustees - Encouragement of Gifted  
Students  
I.D.A.P.A. 08.02.03.105 High School Graduation Requirements  
I.D.A.P.A. 08.02.03.107 Middle Level Credit System

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