



## HCSS POLICIES: DENIAL OF COURSE CREDIT and GRADE RETENTION

### DENIAL OF CORE COURSE CREDIT

1. Any student having 20% or higher absenteeism - excused and/or unexcused - in a Quarter in a Core Course is required to show proficiency on the Quarter Final/ HCSS Proficiency Test. The student's final grade for that Quarter in that Core Course will be the Quarter Final score with the *maximum grade being 80 (B-)*.
2. Any student having 20% or higher absenteeism - excused and/or unexcused - in a School Year in a Core Course takes the HCSS Proficiency Test and GRADE RETENTION POLICY applies.
3. Any student who reaches five (5) unexcused absences in a Quarter *shall fail all subjects* with their current grade or 60 whichever is less.
4. Any student who reaches ten (10) unexcused absences in one School Year *will not be promoted* to the next grade level.

Note: Measuring Proficiency Level for students who have a verified medical condition with a Physician's Statement for Temporary Home or Hospital Education will be at the Director's discretion.

### GRADE RETENTION POLICY

#### Middle School, Grades 6-8

A Middle School Student who FAILS A CORE COURSE (English, Math, Science, and/or Social Studies):

1. The middle school student who fails a Core Course IS REQUIRED to take a Proficiency Test to be administered prior to the start of the upcoming school year.
2. The middle school student's final grade-of-record for any failed Core Course will be equal to the average of student's year end grade and the Proficiency Test score.
3. If the resulting grade is below 65%, the student will have failed the Core Course *and* will be required to *repeat the Grade* in the upcoming school year.

#### High School, Grades 9-12

A High School Student who FAILS A CORE COURSE (English, Math, Science, and/or Social Studies):

1. The high school student who fails a Core Course IS REQUIRED to take a Proficiency Test to be administered prior to the start of the upcoming school year.
2. The high school student's final grade-of-record for any failed Core Course will be equal to the average of the student's year end grade and the Proficiency Test score.
3. If the resulting grade is below 65%, the student will have failed the Core Course *and* will be required to *retake the Core Course*.

### PLEASE NOTE:

- 1) When a student fails a Core Course, the student's final grade-of-record will be equal to the average of the EXACT NUMERICAL COURSE GRADE and the Proficiency Test score. For example, a student who earns 30% for a Core Course grade will need to earn 100% on the Proficiency Test to achieve 65%, a passing grade for the course.
- 2) Although HCSS highly recommends that a student attend summer school for any failed Core Course(s) prior to taking the Proficiency Test, HCSS does not accept these credits as transfer credits.