



HAMPDEN CHARTER SCHOOL OF SCIENCE

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GRADE PROMOTION POLICY

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Grade Promotion Policy For Middle School - Grades 6-8

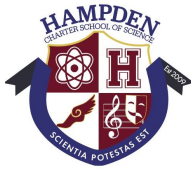
1. **Attendance:** Any student who exceeds ten (10) unexcused absences in one school year will not be promoted to the next grade level.
2. **Core Course Requirement:** A middle school student must pass all core courses (ELA, math, science, or social studies) to advance to the next grade level.
 - a. A middle school student who is failing one or two core courses is required to take a proficiency test in each of those courses. Proficiency tests will be administered at the end of the school year. A middle school student who is failing three or more core courses will automatically repeat the grade.
 - b. The middle school student's final grade-of-record for any core course they are failing will be equal to the average of the student's year-end grade and the proficiency test score. For example, a student who earns 50% for a core course grade and 80% on the proficiency will get 65%, a passing grade for the course.
 - c. If the resulting grade is below 65%, the student will have failed the core course and will repeat the grade in the upcoming school year.

Note: HCSS does not accept summer school credits from other institutions as transfer credits.

HIGH SCHOOL

Grade Promotion Policy For High School, Grades 9-12

1. **Attendance:** Any student who exceeds ten (10) unexcused absences in one School Year will not be promoted to the next grade level. The student will not earn any credit.
2. **Denial of Course Credit**
 - a. A high school student who fails a core course (ELA, math, science, or social studies) is required to take a proficiency test which will be administered at the end of school year.
 - b. 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. For example, a student who earns 50% for a core course grade and 80% on the proficiency will get 65%, a passing grade for the course.



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- c. If the resulting grade is below 65%, the student will have failed the core course and will be required to retake the core course.
 - d. Any student having 20% or higher absenteeism - excused and/or unexcused - in a school year in a core course shall earn no credit for the course.
3. **GPA and Core Courses:** Any student who fails two or more courses in a school year will be referred to the academic committee for further review to determine grade promotion status.

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20% Attendance Policy

1. Any student having 20% or higher absenteeism - excused or unexcused - in a quarter in a core course is required to show proficiency on the proficiency test. Quarter finals are the proficiency tests for each quarter.
2. The student's final grade for that quarter will be equal to the proficiency test score, with the maximum grade being 80 (B-).
3. Measuring the 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.