

POLICY TITLE: STUDENT PROMOTION		
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POLICY/PROCEDURE MANUAL SUMMARY CATEGORY: Instruction		

I. **Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to set forth student promotion factors and requirements for Harford County Public Schools students.

II. **Definitions**

- A. Elementary school student means all students in grades Prekindergarten-5.
- B. Middle school student means all students in grades 6-8.
- C. High school student means all students in grades 9-12.

III. **Policy Statement**

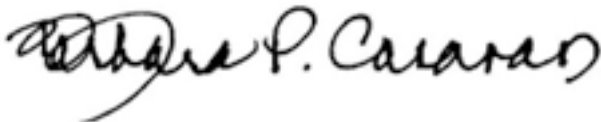
- A. Promotion in elementary and middle school grades is based on an analysis of multiple factors.
 - 1. The following are factors taken into consideration in order for a student to be promoted in elementary and middle school grades from HCPS.
 - a. Demonstrated mastery of the essential learnings in the curriculum;
 - b. The developmental level of the student;
 - c. The student's ability to function in school;
 - d. The emotional, social, and physical factors; and
 - e. Parental input.
- B. Promotion in high school is based upon progress towards meeting the minimum state and local requirements for a high school diploma.
 - 1. The following are required for a student to be promoted in high school grades from HCPS. Students must successfully complete:
 - a. four years of enrollment in approved programs;
 - b. all competency prerequisites and the local program of student service learning;

- c. specific subject area requirements; and
 - d. a minimum of 26 credits.

- 2. Students must meet the minimum number of credits required for promotion as follows:
 - a. promotion to grade 10 - 6 credits.
 - b. promotion to grade 11 - 12 credits.
 - c. promotion to grade 12 - 18 credits.

- C. Graduation from high school will occur at the end of the school year or summer school in which the student has met the minimum requirements for graduation of the Maryland State Board of Education and of the Harford County Board of Education as outlined in the HCPS Student Education Planning Guide, which can be found on the Harford County Public Schools [website](#).

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REFERENCES¹

References are set forth in the Policy.

¹ All references are to specific federal or Maryland statutes or regulations. References are provided for convenience and informational purposes only and are not to be considered as exhaustive or as precluding Harford County Public Schools from relying upon any other statutes or regulations in support of a policy.