

## PROMOTION AND RETENTION OF STUDENTS

### Middle School

Students are promoted from eighth grade to the ninth grade when they successfully complete their eighth grade studies. Successful completion is defined as passing all core courses or passing all but one core course. Core courses are defined as all of the following: mathematics, science, English, social studies and a world language (French, Spanish, Italian or Mandarin.)

An eighth grade student who fails two or more core subject courses is required to attend the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School *Bridge to High School* program during the summer between eighth and ninth grades. The program will address gaps in students' literacy and study skills, and will design individual initiatives to best prepare the students for the transition to high school. Successful completion of the *Bridge* program will result in the student's promotion to a high school program. In the event that a student does not attend or successfully complete the program, she/he will be required to repeat the eighth grade.

Mandatory participation will be at the discretion of the Superintendent of Schools in consultation with the building Principal.

Cross-ref: 4710, Grading Systems

Ref: Education Law §§1709; 2503(4); 3202  
8 NYCRR §100.4  
*Isqwith v. Levitt*, 285 App. Div. 833; 137 N.Y.S.2d 497 (1955)  
*Matter of Eckert*, 13 EDR 270 (1979)  
Op. Counsel, 1 EDR 775 (1952)

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