

STANDARDS OF PROFICIENCY

1. Times of Assessment of Proficiency

Middle School - All students will be tested in the 7th grade. Students failing one or more proficiency tests will be tested in 8th grade.

Senior High - All students will be tested in grade 9. Students failing one or more proficiency tests will be tested once in grade 10, and each semester in grades 11 and 12, and after completion of summer school remediation. All tests will be given in English.

2. Notice to Parents

Middle School - Schools shall report to parents/guardians the results of proficiency testing in grades 7 and 8. Such reports shall include name of student, tests passed and failed, notification of opportunities for remedial instruction, and contact person at the school for further follow up.

Senior High - Schools shall report to parents/guardians the results of proficiency testing in grade 9. Students in the 10th, 11th and 12th grade, who have failed one or more proficiency tests, shall receive a report which shall include name of student, tests passed or failed, and notice of opportunity for remediation, and invitation to a group meeting with the counselors to assess test results. Subsequent to the group meeting, a separate invitation to contact the school shall be mailed by regular United States mail to parents/guardians who did not attend the group meeting.

3. Remediation Opportunities

Middle School - Students in the 7th and 8th grade who fail one or more proficiency tests will have an opportunity to remediate through summer school and/or the regular School District program designed for remediation of proficiency deficiencies.

Senior High - Remediation opportunities will be provided by enrollment in summer school or enrollment in specialized GR classes at the 11th and 12th grade level.

Adult School - Students who are eligible for concurrent enrollment in the Adult School classes may be permitted to enroll in the appropriate classes for credit to achieve mastery.

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4. Seniors Who Have Not Met Graduation Requirements

To obtain a diploma for the current high school year, a student must have met both the High School Proficiency Test requirement, and have met the credit requirements both for the number of credits and subject area. Seniors who have not met the graduation requirements will be dealt with as follows:

- a. Seniors who have met the Proficiency Test but have more than ten credits to earn to meet subject/credit requirements: must complete those graduation requirement credits to obtain a diploma. The diploma would come from the institution from which the student earned his final eleven or more credits, and the diploma would be for the school year in which he completed the required credits. *The student must meet the credit and subject requirements for the year in which he obtains the diploma.
- b. Seniors who have met the High School Proficiency Test requirements but need ten or fewer credits to meet the subject/credit requirement: (A) if these students complete their credit requirements in the summer following their senior year they will be awarded the diploma for the year which concluded in June. (B) Students who have five or fewer credits to make up and do not do so during the summer following the end of their senior year may complete those credits in a variable credit alternative program. They will receive their home school's diploma and the principal will waive residency requirements and any new requirements in the area of subject or credits for that student. The student would get the diploma for the school year in which he completes the credits required.
- c. A senior who has met the subject/credit requirements, but has not met the High School Proficiency requirements: (A) A senior who passes those tests during the summer following his senior year will obtain the diploma for the school year of the preceding June. (B) Seniors who do not pass all of the proficiency tests by the end of the summer following their senior year may take the proficiency test during subsequent school years. When the student passes the test, he/she will receive the diploma of the home school (the school from which he completed his subject and credit requirements). The diploma will be for the school year during which he passes the proficiency test. If the student passes the proficiency during the year following his senior year, any new subject or credit requirements for that school year will be waived. If the proficiency tests are passed subsequent to that year, the student must also meet any new subject and credit requirements that pertain to the school year in which he passes the test. Proficiency Tests will be given for these students three times each year by the Adult School, once in November, once in February and once in June.

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