

**ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

In order to recognize successful completion of elementary and middle school education, the Board of Trustees shall confer diplomas of graduation from elementary and middle schools and from special day and evening classes of elementary and middle grades.

*(cf. 5127 - Graduation Ceremonies and Activities)*

Diplomas shall be awarded only to students who have completed the course of study prescribed by law and the district. (Education Code 51402)

*(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)*

*(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)*

In addition, students shall meet district requirements for promotion based as follows:

Students graduating from Cuddeback School will take five core classes in each of their 7th and 8th grade years: Language Arts, Social Studies, Science, Math and Physical Education. Students earn 10 credits for each core class they pass each trimester. Therefore, a student can earn a possible 150 credits each year. In order to pass each year and move on to the next, a student must earn at least 140 credits.

If a student receives an "F" in any of the four academic classes (Language Arts, Social Science, Math and Science), they are automatically offered enrollment in whatever intervention/remediation program Cuddeback offers at that time. Students who have received an "F" must participate in the program until the teacher determines, in writing, the student is no longer in danger of failing in that class.

If a student receives a three day suspension during the third trimester of the 8th grade, that student will not participate in the graduation ceremony.

Cuddeback's philosophy is to help all students succeed. The school will continue to make every effort to offer every assistance possible, but responsibility essentially remains in the student's hands.

*(cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)*

*(cf. 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention)*

*(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)*

*Legal Reference: (see next page)*

**ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS** (continued)

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

*48070-48070.5 Promotion and retention*

*51400-51403 Elementary school diplomas*

*52507-52510 Requirements for eighth grade graduation (adult school)*

*60641-60649 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress*

*60648 Minimum performance levels*

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