



## Promotion Ceremony and Activities

At the end of the year, Corning Union Elementary School District hosts a Promotion Ceremony, in which all 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, who have met Board requirements, are eligible to attend. Students from Maywood, Home Study, and Columbia Academy (who have not been expelled or involuntarily placed) are eligible to participate.

Criteria for participation in the ceremony and receiving a CUESD diploma include meeting the following requirements **(cited from Corning Union Elementary School District's Administrative Regulation 5127):**

1. Completing the course of study requirements for grades seven and eight.
2. In order for students to meet promotion requirements, students must maintain the following minimum grade point average (GPA):
  - 2.0 Cumulative GPA in their core academic classes (English, Literature, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math, Physical Science, and U.S. History). Students who fall below the 2.0 GPA will be promoted to the 9<sup>th</sup> grade; however, they will not be permitted to participate in promotion ceremonies and activities.
  - Students who fall below a 2.0 GPA, or who earn an "F" grade in any academic course during the regular school year; will be referred to one or more remedial programs to complete required work. Additionally, a **mandatory academic counseling meeting will be required with one parent/guardian in attendance, after trimester grades are posted.**
3. During the eighth grade year, in addition to the academic requirements listed above; participation in the graduation ceremony and related events is contingent upon the following:
  - a. Student must attend a minimum of 95% of the time that school is in session (computed after student's initial enrollment in school; and excluding excused absences). Parents/guardians may appeal to the Superintendent if extenuating circumstances exist. The Superintendent's decisions will be final.
  - b. Demonstrate good behavior in accordance with school rules:

If a student is suspended more than once, the student will be ineligible to participate in promotion ceremonies and activities. Any suspension during the last three weeks of school will result in the same. Each suspension will be evaluated by the site supervisor and one, two, or all promotion activities may be removed. Any suspension during a student's eighth grade year for activities involving an illegal or

controlled substance, alcohol, repeated use of tobacco, look-alike or real drugs of any nature (as described in the Education Code); weapons; or assault of another student; will also result in the loss of one, two, or all promotion activities - depending upon the severity of the charges. The site supervisor will confer with the District Superintendent in order to make the final decision.

- c. Students must meet obligations of all outstanding debts: books, locks, lunch charges, and other miscellaneous charges.

4. Students who do not meet the course of study requirements for grades seven and eight, and who are placed in the ninth grade for reasons other than fulfilling the seventh and eighth grade course of study requirements and the criteria in #2, shall not be eligible to participate in the promotion ceremony, but shall receive a certificate reflecting attendance in school.

5. Promotion requirements for special education students and limited English or non-English speaking students, shall be differentiated. The principal, through consultation with staff, shall ultimately determine on a case-by-case basis, the status of special education students and limited English or non-English speaking students in regard to receiving a diploma and participating in the promotion ceremony.

6. Transfer students shall be required to meet the course of study requirements to be eligible to participate in the graduation ceremony. Determination will be made utilizing former academic records and through contact with the administrator of the school of prior attendance.

7. A Review Board will be established to allow parents/guardians to appeal the loss of promotional privileges/activities. The Review Board's recommendations will be sent to the Superintendent for consideration. The Superintendent's decision shall be final.

*If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Ormachea, School Counselor, at: 824-7730 ext. 3204.*

