

**Students**

**PROMOTION/RETENTION**

- A. The concepts of “promotion” (i.e. progressing to the next highest grade level, and “retention” (i.e. being held back from going on to the next grade level) do not apply in the ordinary sense to the secondary school. Rather, each student is responsible for progressing through a program of studies designed to earn the quantity and kind of units needed for graduation – as defined elsewhere in Board policy.
- B. “Academically,” a student should be considered as follows:

<b>% of units required for graduation that have been earned</b>	<b>Academic Standing</b>
0 - 25%	Freshman (9 <sup>th</sup> grade)
26 – 50%	Sophomore (10 <sup>th</sup> grade)
51 – 71%	Junior (11 <sup>th</sup> grade)

To be considered a “senior” or 12<sup>th</sup> grader, a student must have earned the following:

Class of 1988	165 units
Class of 1989	170 units
Class of 1990 and beyond	180 units

- C. Standing in extra-curricular areas is normally determined by the number of years a student has been in high school. That is, a student in his/her first year of high school is a freshman, in his/her second year, a sophomore, etc.

Examples

1. A student in his/her second year of high school would not be allowed to participate on freshman sports teams, even though considered a freshman academically if he/she has earned less than 25% of the units required for graduation.
2. A student in his/her fourth year would normally be allowed to participate as part of the senior class (except for graduation), even though he/she may not be considered a senior academically, because less than 76% of the units required for graduation have been earned to date.

*Legal Reference: EC 48070*