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*If you can **imagine** it, then you can **achieve** it. If you can **dream** it, you can **become** it...*

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Dear Families,

As a reminder, students must meet the following promotion criteria to advance to next grade.

- **Academic Performance:** Earn a final average of **70% or higher** in all classes for each marking period.
- **Attendance:** Maintain an overall attendance rate of **90% or better** with **no more than two** latenesses per month.
- **i-Ready Diagnostic Benchmarks:**
 - **Grade 6** - By June, all 6th grade students must earn a minimum scale score of **598 for ELA** and a minimum scale score of **495 for MATH** to be considered for promotion to the next grade level
 - **Grade 7** - By June, all 7th grade students must earn a minimum scale score of **609 for ELA** and a minimum scale score of **508 for MATH** to be considered for promotion to the next grade level
 - **Grade 8** - By June, all 8th grade students must earn a minimum scale score of **620 for ELA** and a minimum scale score of **518 for MATH** to be considered for promotion to the next grade level
- **Digital Portfolio:** Complete and submit all required tasks in **ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies**.
- **Behavior:** Maintain a **positive behavioral record** throughout the school year.

NYC DOE Promotion Policy Overview

Promotion is determined by whether students have demonstrated proficiency in the knowledge and skills needed to be successful in the next grade. As outlined in [Chancellor's Regulation A-501](#), students are assessed using **multiple measures**, including but not limited to:

- Report card grades
- Diagnostic and standardized test scores
- Writing samples, projects, and assignments
- Overall academic progress

Promotion Timeline

- **Fall:** Teachers share promotion benchmarks and student progress during parent-teacher conferences.
- **Winter (January–February):** Families of students at risk of not meeting promotion criteria receive a **Promotion in Doubt (PID)** letter.
- **Spring:** Families receive updates through report cards and conferences.
- **June:** Promotion decisions are communicated in writing.
- **July:** Students who are not promoted attend **summer school**.
- **August:** Final promotion decisions are made and shared with families. Appeals may be submitted in writing to the superintendent for review.

We encourage families to stay engaged with their child's progress and reach out to school staff with any questions about promotion requirements.

Sincerely,

Dr. Liza Ortiz

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