



San Diego Unified School District

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The faculty, staff, and administration of Standley Middle School are committed to helping all of our students have a successful school year. In order to recognize all of the hard work of our eighth grader students, we are planning a number of end-of-the-year activities that may include a dance, a party at a local amusement center, and a promotion ceremony. To be eligible for participation in these events students must meet certain academic and citizenship criteria. Please review the following and discuss these items with your student:

- Students who receive an F in **any** class second semester will be automatically excluded from all promotion activities. Students with 2 or more D's will be subject to review by the promotion committee.
- Students must maintain a minimum of a 2.0 GPA in order to participate in promotion activities.
- Students must maintain a minimum of a 2.0 citizenship GPA in order to participate in promotion activities. Students may not have any U's. Students with two or more N's will be subject to review by the promotion committee.
- Four or more referrals in one semester are considered excessive and will be cause for review by the promotion committee.
- Suspensions from school or assignments to in-school suspension for a full day are very severe consequences at Standley. Any student who receives one of these consequences during the year will be reviewed carefully by the committee for participation.
- Any eighth grade student who is suspended during the period of the eighth grade activities will not be allowed to participate in any remaining activities.
- Indebtedness to the school must be cleared or participation may be denied.
- Truancies and excessive tardiness will be subject to review by the promotion committee.

In addition for the requirements to participate in promotion activities, it is important that you are aware the San Diego Unified School District retention policy. In the Spring of 2008, the Board of Trustees adopted a policy which states that any student who receives two or more F's in core subjects (i.e. English, Math, History, Science) during the second semester of eighth grade will be retained in middle school. Students will have an opportunity to make up no more than two of the F's during summer school. However, at the end of summer, students who still have two or more F's and who are Below Basic or Far Below Basic on the CSTs in English Language Arts and Mathematics will be retained.

Please discuss the importance of maintaining passing grades and excellent citizenship with your eighth grader. If you have any questions, please call the eighth grade counselor at (858) 455-0550 ext. 1123.

Sincerely,

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