

2018-2019 Brevard County Middle School Grade Level Assignment Procedures

I. Basic Requirements for Promotion

In grades 7 and 8, the student must have completed the following:

1. Receive a yearly passing grade in four major academic subject (language arts, mathematics, science, social studies)
2. Meet the district attendance requirements

II. Middle School

Students must select the following subject areas each year:

- Language Arts
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Studies
- Physical Education
- Electives

Note 1: Literacy skills are essential for students to be successful in school and for their future endeavors, and students are required to pass the 10th grade Florida Standards Assessment in order to graduate. Although, the state of Florida no longer requires school systems to place students in reading classes, BPS provides assistance to our students who are struggling with the literacy skills needed to be successful in all their coursework. The integrated reading and writing strategies provided in Intensive Language Arts (ILA) courses are designed to enable students to become more confident and successful in all content area courses.

- Students in 7th through 10th grade who have scored Level 1 or 2 on the most recent ELA FSA and scored Level 1 or 2 at least once in the previous two years of testing will be considered for Intensive Language Arts placement unless they have demonstrated proficiency on formative benchmark testing.
- School-based IPST (Individual Problem Solving Teams) may recommend additional students for the ILA course, as well.
- If parents would like to discuss being removed from the Intensive Language Arts placement, they may contact a school administrator.

Note 2: The grade earned in high school courses (i.e., math and foreign language courses) taken in middle school will be factored into the high school GPA and will be part of the high school Academic History. Students earning a C, D, or F in high school courses taken while in middle school may retake the course for Grade Forgiveness. See your School Counselor for more information.

Note 3: The following courses include EOC assessments which are 30% of the Final Course Grade: Civics, Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, Biology, and U.S. History.

III. Grading Scale

The following grading scale has been established by Florida Statute and is used in all Brevard County secondary schools:	To average semester grades, the teacher doubles the average of each grading period, adds the semester exam grade, and divides by five. The teacher may use either numerical averages or letter grades with the following values assigned: A= 4 points; B= 3 points; C=2 points; D=1 point; F=0 points. Final grades are assigned according to the following scale:
90 to 100 = A	3.50 to 4.00 = A
80 to 89 = B	2.50 to 3.49 = B
70 to 79 = C	1.50 to 2.49 = C
60 to 69 = D	0.50 to 1.49 = D
0 to 59 = F	0.00 to 0.49 = F

IV. Options for Assistance

These include the following:

- Before and after school programs;
- Assignment of academic support strategies to students who have been identified as needing assistance;
- Remedial groups within existing classes;
- Recommendation for referral to the IPST (Individual Problem Solving Team);
- Summer school programs for students who qualify (depending on availability);
- Mentoring/tutoring;
- Counseling sessions;
- Remedial programs during the school day.

V. Assignment Process

The final decision concerning the proper assignment for each student will be the responsibility of the principal.

Note: If a student receiving ESOL services is being considered for acceleration, retention, or if a student is deficient in math, reading, and writing proficiency, the school's ELL Committee must meet to review the student's progress and make a recommendation regarding placement and instructional plan.

VI. Parent Notification

1. Report cards will be issued at the end of each grading period.
2. If a student is not meeting all criteria for promotion at the end of the first semester, the parent or guardian will be notified in writing and acknowledgement of receipt will be requested from the parent.
3. The parent or guardian will be notified in writing when the decision has been made that a student is to be retained, or assigned to remediation classes.
4. Scores from achievement and assessment tests will be communicated to parents.

VII. Promotion by Acceleration

A student may be accelerated to a higher grade level after careful evaluation and approval by the principal and with written consent of the parent or guardian.