

WILLIAMS BAY EIGHTH GRADE PROMOTION POLICY

In order for a student to be promoted from Williams Bay Junior High School, a student must pass all of their core classes (Math, Science, Social Studies, Reading, English) and accumulate a total of at least 12 credits in the 7th and 8th grade.

WISCONSIN KNOWLEDGE AND CONCEPTS EXAM CRITERIA

In addition to meeting the core classes and credit requirements, other criteria for promotion are:

- Achieving a score of at least basic on all sub-tests on the Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Exam (WKCE) and score at least 2.5 on the writing section.
- Students with a disability, 504 students, and Limited English Proficient (LEP) students, as defined by state and federal laws, may be exempt from certain promotions of the WKCE. In these cases, the school will use the alternate assessments identified in the student's IEP or the 504 plan or the state's alternative assessments for LEP students to determine whether these individual students have shown proficiency in meeting the state standards.

If a student meets the core classes and credit requirements and passes the 8th grade WKCE, he/she will be promoted. If a student meets the core classes and credit requirements but does not earn the required scores or elects not to take the 8th grade WKCE:

OTHER PROMOTION CRITERIA

- The student must demonstrate academic performance by achieving a cumulative grade point average (calculated at the end of the 4th semester) of 1.7 or above.

If a student has not met the credit an/or grade point requirements:

- Promotion may still occur if a student can meet the core class and credit requirement by successfully completing a school-recommended summer school curriculum.

TEACHER RECOMMENDATION CRITERIA

If a student is not promoted, parents may request a review by the Junior High Faculty Promotion Committee. That committee is composed of a junior high teacher from each of the four subjects tested on the 8th Grade WKCE (Math, Science, English, Social Studies). A junior high teacher of the student's choosing, the junior high guidance counselor, the school psychologist, and the principal will join those teachers. The student and parents, guardians, or an adult representative, are invited to appear before the committee to present a case in support of promotion. After the presentation, the committee will deliberate in private and arrive at a decision.

Eighth Grade Promotion

A student is promoted if BOTH of these are met:

Williams Bay District
Academic Criteria:
Passed all core courses
and
Student has earned at
least 12 credits in the
7th and 8th grade

AND

WKCE Criteria:

Student scores at least at the “BASIC”
level on all sub-tests, and scores at least a
2.5 on the writing section or student
receives an exemption and participates
satisfactorily in alternative assessment
through individual IDEA, LEP, or 504
plan

If above not
achieved

A student is promoted if the core classes are passed and 12 credits are earned, and one of the other
criteria listed below is met:

Other Promotion Criteria:

Student demonstrates academic performance by achieving a cumulative grade
point average (calculated at the end of the 4th semester) of 1.7 or above.

In deficient subjects, student successfully completes an approved summer school
program.

If above not
achieved

Teacher Recommendation Criteria:

If a student does not satisfy the previous promotion criteria, parents may request a review by
the Junior High Faculty Promotion Committee. The committee is composed of a junior high
teacher from each of the four subjects tested in the 8th grade WKCE (Math, Science, English,
Social Studies). A junior high teacher of the student's choosing, the junior high guidance
counselor, the school psychologist, and the principal will join those teachers. The student and
parents, guardians, or an adult representative, are invited to appear before the committee to
present a case in support of promotion. After the presentation, the committee will deliberate
in private and arrive at a decision.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Wisconsin Statutes, Section 118.22(6)

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