

CREDIT-BASED

Grade Promotion Policy

During the 2010-2011 school year, the staff at Hudson JHS piloted the “Catch-22” credit-based promotion plan. This new promotion plan was designed and **implemented** in order to better prepare our district’s junior high school students for the transition to Hudson HS and the rigorous demands of the NYS credit-based graduation requirement of 22 high school credits. We used data from the pilot year to analyze and eventually tweak our credit totals. We used data collected in the pilot year to prove that this new credit based approach did in fact present a more challenging and demanding promotion requirement than the previous “Pass-3” policy. In August 2011, the HCSD Board of Education officially approved what is now called, the *Hudson JHS Credit-Based Grade Promotion Policy*. This new and innovative approach to promotion is now official BOE policy. It is important for all involved to have a thorough understanding of why it was implemented and how it works.

Major Policy Points

- ✓ All classes now count for credit; this includes the 5 core academic classes and all special area classes.
- ✓ Credits are awarded to students who earn a passing grade of 65 or higher.
- ✓ Students earn credits on a quarterly (10 week) basis; the yearly average is not used to award credits.
- ✓ Students earn one credit per daily class, per marking period.
- ✓ Students earn one-half credit per class, per marking period in classes that meet on alternate days.
- ✓ Students earn one-half credit for passing each classroom final exam or completing a final project.
- ✓ Credit data will be listed in the comment section of progress reports and report cards.
- ✓ Seventh graders must earn 22.0 credits out of a 30.5 credit maximum for EOY promotion.
- ✓ Eighth graders must earn 24.0 credits out of a 32.5 credit maximum for EOY promotion.
- ✓ Summer school qualification: 18.0 – 21.5 credits (Grade 7); 20.0 – 23.5 credits (Grade 8)
- ✓ Students who earn every possible credit are awarded the principal’s “Certificate of Distinction”
- ✓ Honor Roll policy is unchanged; Sports eligibility policy is also unchanged.
- ✓ Credit reports are presented every 5 weeks; students will keep a running tally .
- ✓ Credit recovery is offered to any student with a course average between 59 and 64. Students can recover only one credit per class, per school year and have two weeks to complete assigned work.

*Any questions or concerns can be directed to Principal Reardon or the HJHS Guidance Dept.

Hudson J.H.S.
Grade Promotion Course Credits
 2011 – 2012

Grade 7

SUBJECT	COURSE CREDIT TOTALS					
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Final	Sub Total
MATH	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.5	4.5
SCIENCE	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.5	4.5
ELA	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.5	4.5
SOCIAL STUDIES	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.5	4.5
Health	1.0	1.0			0.5	2.5
Technology			1.0	1.0	0.5	2.5
Family Cons. Science	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	2.5
Phys Ed	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	X	2.0
Art	0.5	0.5			0.5	1.5
Music			0.5	0.5	0.5	1.5
MAXIMUM CREDITS (EOY)						30.5

22.0 credits required for EOY promotion to next grade
18.0 credits required to qualify for summer school
 59 – 64 qualifies students for credit recovery (1 MP per year, per course), at teacher discretion

30.5 credits to earn *“Certificate of Distinction”* award at EOY

Hudson J.H.S. Credit Record

Student _____

CREDIT TOTALS (2011 - 2012)

Grade 7

SUBJECT (Available Credits)	MP #1 Sep. 7 – Nov. 4		MP #2 Nov. 7 – Jan. 27		MP #3 Jan. 30 – Mar. 30		MP #4 Apr. 2 – Jun. 21		FINAL EXAM	
	COURSE GRADE	CREDIT EARNED	COURSE GRADE	CREDIT EARNED	COURSE GRADE	CREDIT EARNED	COURSE GRADE	CREDIT EARNED	EXAM GRADE	CREDIT EARNED
ELA (1.0/MP; 0.5/FE = 4.5)										
SPANISH or ITALIAN Grade 8 only (1.0/MP; 0.5/FE = 4.5)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MATH (1.0/MP; 0.5/FE = 4.5)										
SCIENCE (1.0/MP; 0.5/FE = 4.5)										
SOCIAL STUDIES (1.0/MP; 0.5/FE = 4.5)										
Technology (1.0/MP; 0.5 FP = 2.5)										
Family Consumer Science (0.5/MP; 0.5 FP = 2.5)										
Health (1.0/MP; 0.5 FP = 2.5)										
Art (0.5/MP; 0.5 FP = 1.5)										
Music (0.5/MP; 0.5 FP = 1.5)										
Phys. Ed. (0.5/MP = 2.0)									X	X
CREDIT TOTALS	MP1:		MP2:		MP3:		MP4:		EOY TOTAL:	

Important Reminders:

22 credits are required for EOY promotion to the **8th grade**.

18 credits are required for **7th** grade summer school eligibility.

30.5 credits earn a **“Certificate of Distinction”** award at EOY.

Hudson J.H.S.
Grade Promotion Course Credits
 2011 – 2012

Grade 8

SUBJECT	COURSE CREDIT TOTALS					
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Final	Sub Total
MATH	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.5	4.5
SCIENCE	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.5	4.5
ELA	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.5	4.5
SOCIAL STUDIES	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.5	4.5
FOREIGN LANGUAGE	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	*0.5	4.5
Health	1.0	1.0			0.5	2.5
Technology			1.0	1.0	0.5	2.5
Family Cons. Science	1.0	1.0			0.5	2.5
Phys Ed	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	X	2.0
Art	0.5	0.5			0.5	1.5
Music			0.5	0.5	0.5	1.5
MAXIMUM CREDITS (EOY)						32.5

24 credits required for EOY promotion to next grade

20 credits required to qualify for summer school

59 – 64 qualifies students for credit recovery (1 MP per year, per course), with teacher discretion

32.5 credits to earn a “*Certificate of Distinction*” award at EOY

Hudson J.H.S. Credit Record

Student _____

CREDIT TOTALS (2011 - 2012)

Grade 8

SUBJECT (Available Credits)	MP #1 Sep. 7 – Nov. 4		MP #2 Nov. 7 – Jan. 27		MP #3 Jan. 30 – Mar. 30		MP #4 Apr. 2 – Jun. 21		FINAL EXAM	
	COURSE GRADE	CREDIT EARNED	COURSE GRADE	CREDIT EARNED	COURSE GRADE	CREDIT EARNED	COURSE GRADE	CREDIT EARNED	EXAM GRADE	CREDIT EARNED
ELA (1.0/MP; 0.5/FE = 4.5)										
SPANISH or ITALIAN (1.0/MP; 0.5/FE = 4.5)										
MATH (1.0/MP; 0.5/FE = 4.5)										
SCIENCE (1.0/MP; 0.5/FE = 4.5)										
SOCIAL STUDIES (1.0/MP; 0.5/FE = 4.5)										
Technology (1.0/MP; 0.5/FE = 2.5)										
Family Consumer Science (1.0/MP; 0.5/FE = 2.5)										
Health Grade 7 only (1.0/MP; 0.5 FP)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Art (0.5/MP; 0.5 FP = 1.5)										
Music (0.5/MP; 0.5 FP = 1.5)										
Phys. Ed. (0.5/MP = 2.0)									X	X
CREDIT TOTALS	MP1:		MP2:		MP3:		MP4:		EOY TOTAL:	

Important Reminders:

24 credits are required for EOY promotion to the **9th grade**.

20 credits are required for **8th** grade summer school eligibility.

32.5 credits earn a **“Certificate of Distinction”** award at EOY.