

JGAA—Middle School Credit Requirement

Board Policy

The State Department of Education in Idaho now requires credits at the middle school level in order “to ensure all students are prepared to be successful in high school and to increase academic engagement and student accountability for middle school students.” Within the guidelines set up by the State, White Pine Charter School has implemented the following credit system.

Guidelines

- A. Students who are not successful in meeting the following academic criteria during the school year will be required to make up credits through an alternative route (see last section). This will provide the students with a second opportunity to prepare them for the next level of study.

It is important to remember that progressing to the next grade level and/or high school is not automatic; students must earn the right through successful completion of the White Pine Charter School program. Students that do not meet the requirement will appear before a credit committee to determine the proper action.

Credits for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders

Mathematics	1 credit per trimester
Language Arts	1 credit per trimester
Science	1 credit per trimester
Social Studies	1 credit per trimester
Exploratory	1 credit per trimester

Middle School Requirements – Main Pathway

Students that are enrolled in grades 6 through 8 will be required to earn 85% of the possible credits each school year, which is equivalent to earning 13 of the possible 15 credits.

Middle School Requirements – Alternate Pathway

If students that are enrolled in grades 6 through 8 do not earn 13 of the possible 15 credits, they may qualify for promotion by fulfilling 2 of the 3 criteria:

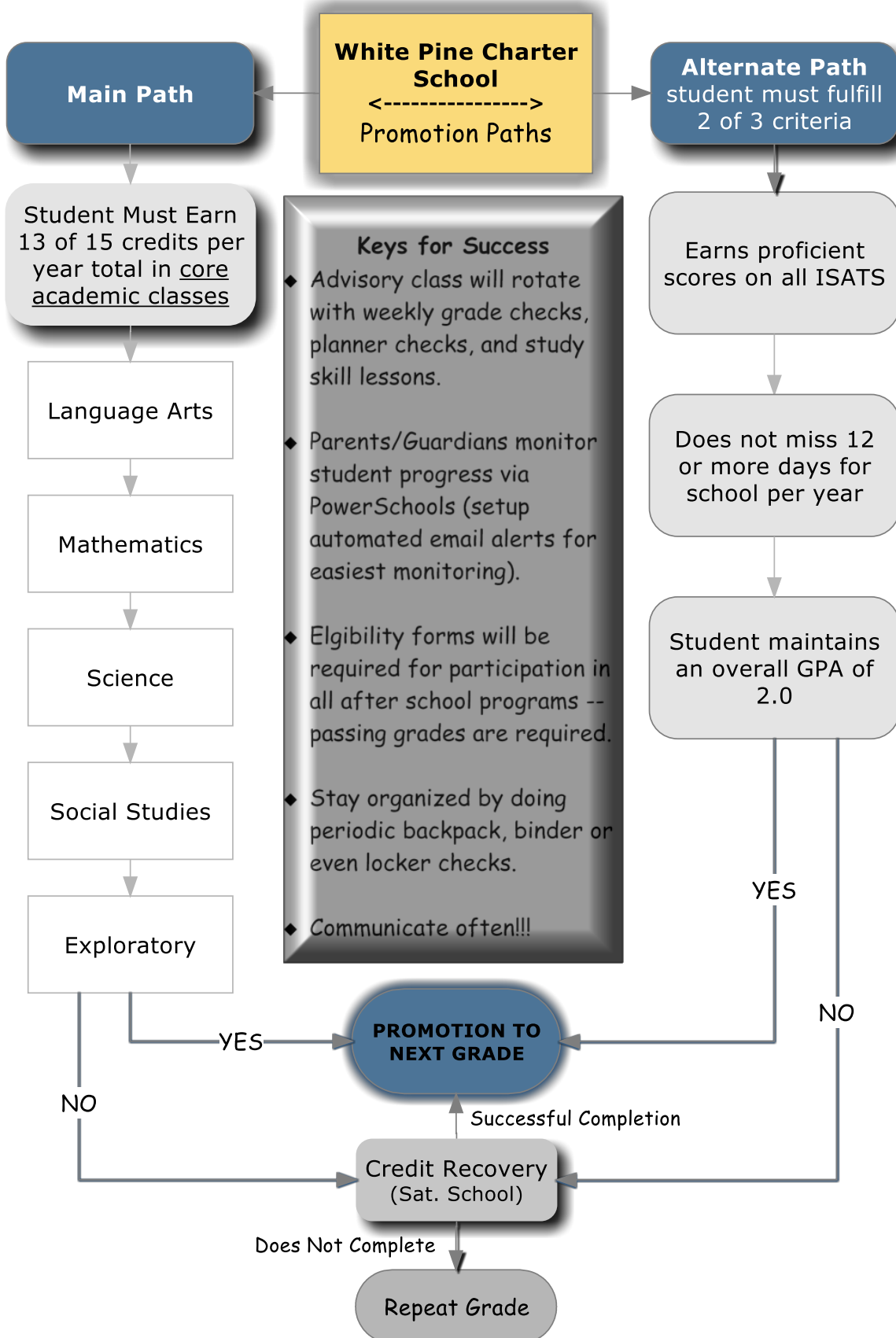
1. Earn a score of 75% or higher on End of Trimester exam for the subject where an F was received
2. Students earns credit through credit recovery.
3. Student maintains an overall GPA of 2.0 in core courses.

- B. Credit Recovery - Student will participate in respective online course (IDLA, Accelerated Math, Khan Academy, or other program administered by the teacher) to fulfill credit requirements. A program of study will be arranged by credit committee which consists of advisory teacher, school counselor, and administrator or designee. Credit recovery must be completed during summer and before July 1st to satisfy requirements. 8th grade students will not be able to participate in graduation if they are required to take an alternate path. Students who fail to satisfy the credit recovery requirements, will not qualify for promotion to the next grade. Parents/guardians will be responsible to pay any fees associated with credit recovery if any are required.
- C. Course Attendance requirement can be recovered by attending Saturday School or through alternative time spent with advisory teacher or designee outside of normal school hours.
- D. Special Education - Any student in Special Education maintains all rights and privileges provided under the current laws pertaining to Special Education in the state of Idaho. All necessary accommodations must be met before a student can be considered failing.

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