



# Rivergold Elementary School

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Dear 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents:

I trust you have just read the Rivergold Parent Newsletter for the week of September 27 through October 1, 2010. The first reminder statement was, “Report cards will be coming home with your children on October 27<sup>th</sup>.” I am referencing this because as parents of 8<sup>th</sup> grade students I want you to be aware how important grades and citizenship are when it comes to Promotion Activities. The following information is extracted out of the Yosemite Unified School District Board Policies:

1. *Student must qualify for a certificate...students must have a cumulative Grade Point Average of 2.0 during 8<sup>th</sup> grade.*
2. *Student may receive no more than two “F” grades in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade year. Students who receive an “F” grade may make up the work. The student will have five weeks from the receipt of the grade to make up work or the grade will stand.*
3. *Student must pass the Constitution test with a 70% score or higher. Students may take the Constitution test as many times as needed to pass.*
4. *Citizenship: No more than five “N” marks in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade.*
5. *No more than two suspensions in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and no more than six total days of suspension. Students must comply with eligibility requirements to participate in ceremonies and activities.*
6. *Any suspension for criminal behavior (incidents reported to law enforcement including but not limited to: violence, weapons, use or possession of controlled substances) associated with school activities in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade will disqualify a student from participation in the promotion ceremony and activities.*
7. *Any student transferring from another school who does not meet the requirements for a certificate and/or participation in the promotion ceremony may appeal to the Promotion Review Committee (along with their parent/guardian).*

## *Appeal*

*Parents/guardians will be allowed to appeal the decision of the school that denies an eighth grade student the privilege to participate in the promotion ceremony. An eighth grade student who is denied the privilege to participate in the promotion ceremony by the school and feels that he or she has made satisfactory effort and reasonable progress towards the grade point average of 2.0 in academics, citizenship and behavior, may be granted an opportunity to appeal the decision of the school. Each school shall grant a child the opportunity to appeal the decision and each school shall have an established Promotion Review Committee, timeline and process for hearing student appeals. The Promotion Review Committee shall consist of the principal, three teachers, and a classified employee. Eighth grade teachers will not be involved in the Promotion Review Committee. If an appeal is denied at the school level, the next level at which the child may appeal is to the Superintendent. The Superintendent will hear this appeal ONLY if the child has requested and appealed at the school level and that appeal was denied. The appeal to the Superintendent shall be made in writing and outline the reasons why the school did not, in the parents/guardian’s opinion, follow the administrative regulations outlined in AR 5127. The Superintendent shall render a decision within five working days of receipt of the written request for the appeal on the basis of whether or not the Board Policy and administrative regulations and procedures were followed by the school.*

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me.

Al Nocciolo, Principal

