

2011-12 Taylor Promotion Activities Criteria for Participation

In a young person's life, significant educational milestones are the completion of elementary school, middle school and high school. Beginning in January, anticipation builds toward June's promotion activities. Special traditions and activities include the 8th Grade Field Trip, Picnic, Dance and Promotion Ceremony.

Promotion activities are rewards for students who have earned the privilege to participate in these special events. Students with a history of poor behavior, conduct or attendance may lose the privilege of participating in end of the year events. The 8th grade teachers and administrators will meet to determine appropriate action on an individual basis. Students who do not participate in promotion activities must attend school and will be given alternate assignments.

Criteria for participation are listed below. The Taylor Middle School Administration reserves the right for final approval of attendance to these events.

8th Grade Field Trip – May, 2012. Attendance is based on third trimester behavior, school attendance and tardies. Students receiving a "U" in conduct or have been suspended will be placed on the Loss of Privilege (LOP) list and are not eligible to attend.

8th Grade Picnic – June 5, 2012. Students will attend a BBQ lunch prepared by teachers and PTA members followed by games and relays. Students earning a "U" in conduct on the 3rd trimester progress report or have been suspended during the last month of school are not eligible to attend.

Promotion Ceremony – June 7, 2012, 4:30 pm. Students must maintain a cumulative eighth grade 1.7 Grade Point Average (GPA) in order to participate in the eighth grade promotion ceremony. The GPA is calculated from three trimesters in the eighth grade year. Another major criteria for promotion will be the evidence of consistent improvement and effort spanning the eighth grade year. Students who are unable to maintain a 1.7 cumulative GPA due to special needs, language acquisition or social-emotional issues will be evaluated by the site team on a case by case basis.

Promotion Dance – June 7, 2012 7:00-10:00 p.m. An array of hors d'oeuvres, desserts and cold drinks will be served by parents during the dance at the Millbrae Recreation Center. Eligibility is based on conduct determined by administrative approval.

Early Warning

Students on the official promotion restriction list will be notified as soon as grades are processed.

Students on this list will be restricted from the appropriate activity.

At the end of the second trimester, students and parents will be notified about their continued academic performance, behavior or attendance may restrict them from participation in promotion ceremonies activities.

During the third trimester in early May, teachers will notify parents and students via progress reports and parent contacts that a student is in danger of receiving an "F" or a "U" in conduct for the final trimester. If your son/daughter receives a "U" in conduct on his/her third trimester progress report, please contact the teacher for immediate intervention.

The administration will notify parents and students if students' participation in promotion activities is in jeopardy due to attendance or discipline issues. Compelling situations will be reviewed by the administration.

By signing below, I/we acknowledge being informed of the **Criteria for Participation in 8th Grade Taylor Promotion Activities**. Failure to return this form on time could result in disciplinary action.

PRINT Parent Name

Parent Signature

Date

PRINT Student Name

Student Signature

Date

PLEASE RETURN THIS SIGNED LETTER TO YOUR SCIENCE TEACHER BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2011