

Dear 8th Grade Parents / Guardians,

We are excitedly approaching the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year, and are eager to welcome our 8th grade students. We will celebrate our 8th graders at a Continuation Ceremony in May, and are hopeful that all of our 8th graders will participate. We will all work together to ensure every student is on track to continue on to high school.

In order to participate in the Continuation Ceremony, students must meet all of the following criteria.

- Students must pass classes with a 2.0 grade point average or better.** Students failing one or more classes must meet with the teacher(s) of the class(es) to develop a plan to improve their grades.
- Students must demonstrate consistent attendance and be on time for classes.** Students with excessive unexcused absences and/or tardies will need to meet with a staff member to formulate an attendance intervention plan. Per DPS standards, being at school at a minimum of 90% of the time is the attendance goal. Failure to comply with assigned attendance interventions can result in not being able to participate in Continuation and other 8th grade celebrations.
- Students must exhibit IB Learner Profile Attributes:** We are looking for students to be: An Inquirer, Knowledgeable, a Thinker, a Communicator, Principled, Open-Minded, Caring, a Risk-Taker, Balanced, and Reflective. Any student who is issued a suspension will be expected to meet with an Administrator and Parent/Guardian. Suspensions or disciplinary issues can result in the loss of participation in the Continuation Ceremony. Students are expected to be their best selves while at school, and to exhibit IB Learner Profile Attributes every day.
- If testing, students must participate in standardized assessments appropriately.** Any student removed during testing for disruptive behavior will not participate in 8th grade celebrations.

While our team will make every effort to ensure each 8th grade student is able to participate in the Continuation Ceremony in May, we ask for your partnership to monitor your student's grades, attendance, and tardies through the Parent Portal and communication with your student's teachers.

We appreciate your parental support and will reach out to you if your student is not meeting any of the requirements throughout the school year.

I have read and understand the Continuation requirements:

Parent/Guardian signature

Date

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