



Loomis Union School District

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Gordon T. Medd, Superintendent

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Dear Eighth Grade Student and Family:

The Loomis Union School District has set standards for participation in promotion activities. They include the following:

MINIMUM PROMOTION ACTIVITIES REQUIREMENTS

- Students must average a grade of “D” (1.0 cumulative GPA) or better, in each core subject respectively, during the eighth grade year (Math, Language Arts, Science, Social Science).
- Students will have no more than one “F” grade in the second semester core classes.
- Students must maintain a school attendance of at least 80% from the time they enroll or attend school during their eighth grade year.
- Students must maintain satisfactory citizenship and behavior. Students who have been suspended during their eighth grade year or have discipline referrals may be excluded from the promotion activities, per principal’s discretion.
- Students transferring into the district after the start of the school year will be subject to the criteria stated above. Student records from the prior school district will be reviewed for eligibility.

If a student has NOT met the 8th grade promotion participation requirements, he/she will NOT be permitted to attend the 8th grade field trip, may NOT participate in the promotion ceremony, nor may attend the final 8th grade dance.

Parents will be provided the following information throughout the school year:

1. Promotion participation standards are sent home and returned to school with student and parent signatures at the beginning of the school year.
2. Progress reports will be sent home each semester for students who are deficient in any subject.
3. Letters will be sent home during each semester in which a student is at risk or not meeting the minimum promotion requirements.
4. There will be a conference during each semester for students who are at risk of not meeting participation requirements.
5. Grades and promotion eligibility status will be finalized on the Monday prior to promotion activities. Parents of any students not meeting promotion activity requirements will be notified.

PROMOTION DRESS CODE REQUIREMENTS

The Loomis Union School District School Board enforces a dress code for the eighth grade promotion ceremony and dance. You are asked to read the policy and discuss it with your child. Please note the sentence stating that students will be unable to participate in the ceremonies if they are inappropriately attired.

Girls: Should wear modest dresses, skirts or pants (no mini-skirts). All tops must have straps (no less than 1”) and be made of sufficient material and opacity to cover the torso. A cami/tank top must be worn under a sheer top to cover the entire torso and undergarments. All pants, skirts or dresses must be made of sufficient material and opacity and adequately cover the students body while sitting or standing. Skirts and dresses must extend past the palm. Avoid tight material that inches upward with movement. Long dresses (below mid-calf) are inappropriate for this type of ceremony for safety reasons. No strapless, spaghetti strap or backless (below shoulder blades) dresses may be worn unless worn with a sweater, shawl or cover-up. Girls are not to wear gloves or carry purses during the ceremony. For safety reasons, flats and low heels are recommended.

Boys: Should wear collared dress shirt, tie, solid color dress slacks (navy, khaki, gray or black), and closed toe shoes. Sport coats or sweaters are optional. Tuxedos, hats and denim pants are not to be worn. Please note that boys are expected to wear ties for the promotion ceremony. However, during the promotion dance, ties are optional. Students can send their ties home with a family member at the end of the ceremony or they can choose to keep them on for the promotion dance.

While ties are allowed to be removed or loosened, if your child decides to keep his tie on, it must remain on his neck only. All other dress code requirements remain in effect for the promotion dance.

Students who are unclear should have their attire approved by their principal PRIOR to May 22, 2020.

Students who are inappropriately attired will be asked to make necessary adjustments or will be refused permission to participate in promotion ceremonies. If dress is altered during or after the ceremony to inappropriate attire, the student will be denied access to the dance. Students may change into comfortable shoes for the dance. Students are not permitted to bring a backpack or bag into the dance. Purses may be subject to search.

Limousines are not appropriate for promotion or the dance.

Please note: Your child’s name will be printed on their promotion certificate as it appears in our student information system. If you wish for the child’s name to appear differently, please notify your school office when returning the 8th Grade Promotion Activities Requirements signature form.

Please sign and return the attached signature page to your child’s school to acknowledge that parents and students are aware of and support the minimum promotion activities requirements or complete this process online through our district Parent Portal Data Confirmation Process.

Sincerely,



Gordon T. Medd, Superintendent



8th Grade Promotion Information Signature Page

Please return this signature page to your child's homeroom teacher after you and your child have reviewed the information regarding minimum promotion activities requirements and the LUSD Board policy related to the dress code for the 8th grade promotion ceremony and dance.

This can also be acknowledged electronically through our Parent Portal during the beginning of the year Data Confirmation Process. If completed online, a paper copy does not need to be turned in to the homeroom teacher.

Student: Last Name

First Name

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Date: _____

I have read and support the minimum promotion activities requirements.

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Signature: _____

I have read and support the Board policy on promotion dress code requirements.

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Signature: _____