

# Constantine Middle School

*"A Place for Growing"*

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## PROMOTION-RETENTION POLICY

It is the sincere hope that each year all students are promoted to the next grade level. Unfortunately, not all students have been able to demonstrate that they have met the academic objectives established for individual courses. The result is the promotion-retention committee's development of this policy in pursuit of encouraging students to work toward academic success.

**The Constantine Middle School has adopted a "Points Promotion System" for determining placement of students for the following school year. Students will earn points toward promotion to the next grade level as follows:**

- Each Core Class (Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, and English/Language Arts) is worth 2 points per trimester.
- Each elective class is worth 1 point per trimester.
- Students earn the assigned points for each class by achieving a 60 percent or higher for a trimester final grade.
- There will be the possibility of attaining a maximum of 10 points per trimester; a total of 30 points for the school year.
- Any student earning fewer than 23 points for the school year will be automatically placed on the retention list.
- Students who fail to achieve 23 points but earn at least 19 points will be eligible to recover enough points to be promoted by attending Summer School for a per class fee. The current fee is \$100 for one class and \$180 for two. A student may take a maximum of (2) two classes in Summer School with the possibility of recovering 4 points.
- A letter will be sent home to the parents of any student who fails to gain all 10 points for any given trimester.
- The Principal, Counselor, and students' grade level teaching teams will meet to discuss retention candidates.
- Letters will be sent to the parents of any student who fails to achieve enough points for promotion to the next grade level. All appeals may be made to the Constantine Middle School Principal. The principal's decision is final.

Few changes in student schedules are ever needed at the middle school level, as most students are enrolled in a similar academic curriculum. However, any requested changes must be completed within the first week of a trimester. After the first week changes to student schedules will rarely be made.