

## SECONDARY PROMOTION PROCEDURE

**The Chapter IV** graduation requirements adopted by the Pennsylvania Department of Education made it necessary for the local district to re-evaluate and upgrade the junior and senior high school promotional policies.

**Chapter IV** regulations which increased graduation requirements have required modification in school policies throughout the state. Grades seven and eight now make up the junior high school and grades nine, ten, eleven and twelve constitute the senior high school. Credit earned during the latter four years of formal education counts toward graduation and a high school diploma.

Please review the following promotion policies and if you have any questions, contact the high school principal's office.

## SEVENTH/EIGHTH GRADE PROMOTION PROCEDURE

Every seventh and eighth grade student must pass at least every course offered a minimum of one time in either seventh or eighth grade, except English, which must be passed each year (seventh and eighth grades).

NOTE: Reading and PSSA Grade 8 Prep are categorized as similar courses. One unit of credit in seventh grade or eighth grade reading or PSSA Grade 8 Prep or proficiency in the PSSA Reading Assessment is needed in order to be promoted to ninth grade.

A student can accumulate a maximum of fourteen (14) units of credit in seventh and eighth grades, seven (7) units of credit in seventh grade and seven (7) units of credit in eighth grade.

A student must have accumulated a minimum of ten (10) units of credit in seventh and eighth grades to be promoted to ninth grade.

NOTE: Seventh grade students going on to eighth grade and eighth grade students going on to ninth grade who do not have the minimum number of credits in any subject area may have the opportunity to make up the credits in eighth and ninth grade.

## SEVENTH GRADE

Promotion: To be promoted to eighth grade, a seventh grade student must pass a minimum of five (5) units of credit. English must be passed.

Retention: To be retained in the seventh grade, a seventh grade student will have accumulated fewer than five (5) units of credit.

<u>Units of Credit</u>	<u>Course Title</u>
1	Reading
1	English
1	Math
1	Geography
1	Science
1	Practical Arts (wood, metal shops, drafting, home ec., art, and music)
1/2	Keyboarding
1/2	Physical Education
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7 Credits	

## EIGHTH GRADE

Promotion: To be promoted to ninth grade, the first year of high school, an eighth grade student must pass a minimum of five (5) units of credit and must have passed every course offered in seventh and eighth grades a minimum of one (1) time except English which must be passed both years, and math, which must either be passed both years or passed one year with the successful completion of the PSSA math class.

Retention: To be retained in the eighth grade, an eighth grade student will have accumulated fewer than five (5) units of credit in the eighth grade or the student will not have passed every course offered in the seventh and eighth grades a minimum of one (1) time except English, which must be passed both years.

<u>Units of Credit</u>	<u>Course Title</u>
1	English
1	Math
1	U.S. History
1	Reading/PSSA Grade 8 Prep
1	Science
1	Practical Arts (wood, metal shops, drafting, home ec., art and music)
1/2	Health
1/2	Physical Education
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7 Credits	

To be promoted to ninth grade, a student must have accumulated the following units of credit:

<u>Units of Credit</u>	<u>Course Title</u>
2	English
1 1/2	Math
1	Geography/U.S. History
1	Reading/PSSA Grade 8 Prep
1	Science
1	Practical/Fine Arts
1/2	Learning Skills
1/2	Physical Education
<u>*2</u>	Additional seventh and eight grade planned courses
10 1/2 Credits	

\*Units of credit as specified in promotion policy.

Unit of credit is based on 120 clock hours of instruction or a fractional part thereof.

Student must obtain a 60% in a course during the school year to be eligible to take summer school and/or makeup courses. \*See Summer School Guidelines

### NINTH THROUGH TWELFTH GRADE PROMOTION POLICY

Every student in grades nine through twelve must pass at least the following credits to graduate.

<u>Units of Credit</u>	<u>Course Title</u>
4	English
3	Mathematics
3	Science
3	Social Studies
2	Arts or Humanities or both
1 1/2	Physical Education
1/2	Health
6 1/2	Student selects 6 1/2 additional courses from among those approved for credit toward graduation by the school district, including approved vocational education courses
1/2	Applied Life Skills
<u>1</u>	Additional academic or vocational credit
25 Credits	

A student can accumulate a maximum of thirty-two (32) units of credit in grades nine through twelve; eight (8) units of credit in each grade.

A student must accumulate a minimum of twenty-five (25) units of credit in grades nine through twelve to graduate from Tussey Mountain High School.

Students may elect to take summer school (if they have achieved at least 60% in the failed subject) to make up failed credits in English, Science, Social Studies and Mathematics, and will graduate upon successful completion of required credits.

***Grade level placements will be dependent upon the total accumulation of credits and the accumulation of credits in specific areas.***

### SUMMER SCHOOL GUIDELINES

The Tussey Mountain School District attempts to offer instruction each summer in the areas of: Mathematics, English, Science and Social Studies. Specific courses are offered to those students who have previously failed the course and need the course for either promotion or graduation. There is a fee charged for each course taken.

1. Summer school should be an additional forty-five (45) hours of instruction.
2. Students must be on time. All make-up time must be completed by the last scheduled day of summer school.
3. Students must perform satisfactory work and accumulate forty-five (45) hours of instruction during summer school to be considered for a credit.
4. Summer school credit should be recorded as "P" or "F" on the permanent record cards.
5. No transportation will be provided.
6. Only teachers certified will be used as instructors for summer school courses.
7. The faculty and students should be made aware from the start of school that a minimum grade of sixty percent (60%) must be achieved in a course in order for the student to be allowed to retake the course in summer school, except at the discretion of the principal.
8. A student must have prior written approval from the principal's office before taking a course for credit during the summer at a school other than Tussey Mountain.
9. Students attending summer school at Tussey Mountain should be granted limited supervised access to the library and its resource materials, under the direct supervision of the instructor.
10. If for acceptable reasons summer school is not held and the student meets criteria for summer school, the administration does have a procedure to approve a certified teacher to provide instruction subject to administrative approval along with completion of a form for approval.

### HONOR ROLL GUIDELINES

The Honor Roll is developed at the conclusion of each nine-week period. For a student to be on this roll, he/she must have a numerical average of an 85% or better. A high honor roll list is also noted to reflect those students who have a numerical average of 90% or better. All courses are included in each honor roll and an average below a 78% in any subject will disqualify a student for inclusion on the published honor roll list.