



From the Principal of DVMS: 8th Grade Promotion

April 11, 2022

Dear Parents,

As you know, the end of the year is quickly approaching. Deer Valley Middle School's 8th grade promotion promises to be a celebratory event for our students and their families. Here is some information that you will need as you prepare to attend:

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1. For the first time since May of 2019, families will be able to attend 8th grade promotion in person.
2. The event will be held on Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 7:30 pm
3. The ceremony will be held in the gymnasium of Barry Goldwater High School
4. The facility will hold 1,200 people. Each family will receive 5 tickets, meaning each student will be able to bring 5 family members to attend in person
5. We will also be showing the ceremony live on Zoom for those unable to attend in person. It will be recorded and posted for later viewing as well
6. This is not a graduation. It is a promotion to 9th grade. Please do not go to undue, extravagant expense for this event.
7. Dress for students is as follows:

<p><u>Girls:</u></p> <p>Dresses, skirts and blouses, or pants outfits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skirt Length to be respectable, no mini, no floor length formal • No backless, strapless, or spaghetti strap dresses or blouses • Undergarments may not be exposed • Please try to avoid high heels for safety reasons • No shorts, casual t-shirts or hats 	<p><u>Boys:</u></p> <p>Dress slacks or dress jeans, dress shirts with a collar.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suits/sport jackets are optional. No tuxedos. • No shorts, casual t-shirts, hats. • Undergarments may not be exposed
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8. Please speak with your student. The following will eliminate students from participating in promotion:
 - Receiving 3 referrals in the last 9 weeks of school that result in ISS or Suspension, or receiving 1 referral from fighting/assault, illegal substances, or using profanity towards a staff member
 - Receiving less than a total of 6 points in ANY class, including Exploratories
 - Not returning or paying for damage of any Chromebook and charger that has been checked out to the student or that they have damaged
9. Students meeting the requirement of at least 6 total points in their four core classes (Math, Science, ELA, and Social Studies) but have not been successful in their Exploratories will still promote to high school but will not be able to participate in the promotion ceremony.
10. Students who do not receive at least a total of 6 points in their core classes must attend summer school in order to promote to 9th grade and not be retained

I hope I have clearly explained the upcoming 8th grade promotion ceremony. We are excited to celebrate your student's success as they enter high school. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me by email, scott.backus@dvUSD.org or by phone, 623.445.3300.

Sincerely,

Scott Backus
Principal

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