

Standards for Entering Middle School and High School

To meet the requirements of Maine's and MSAD #40's Learning Results, students must be prepared for the grade they are about to enter. ~~This is especially true when students move from elementary school into middle school and from middle school into high school. The Board directs the Administration to establish interventions to help students meet these requirements.~~

~~The Learning Results raise the standards which students must meet for a diploma from Medomak Valley High School. To help students move to meeting higher standards, it makes sense to set certain points where students must demonstrate that they have met our standards before moving on to the next level of schooling.~~

~~Equally, it is our duty to help students work to improve their performance. The Board directs the Administration to establish interventions to help students meet these higher standards. Such interventions may include, but are not limited to:~~

- ~~▪ Tutoring during and after school~~
- ~~▪ Summer school and summer tutoring~~
- ~~▪ Alternative Education~~

~~Students must meet the standards on the Learning Results for sixth and eighth grade before moving on to the next grade. The Board accepts the following as evidence that the standards have been met:~~

The following standards are established for students to move from sixth grade into middle school:

- Students must have a passing grade for the year in English, math, science, and social studies
- Students must have a passing grade on the sixth grade math assessment or an alternative measurement approved by the Superintendent or designee.
- Students must obtain a passing grade on all, assessments that the administration might implement after this policy is passed.
- Students will be in the fourth stanine or higher on the District's reading assessment or show significant progress toward that goal as measured by a valid assessment of reading achievement. (Gates and running records on milestone books are most often used here as alternatives.)
- Students must obtain an acceptable score on MSAD #40's writing assessment

The following standards are established for students to move from eight grade into high school:

- Students must have a passing grade for the year in English, math, Science, social studies, and health (if taught that year)
- Students must have a passing grade on the Eighth Grade math placement test
- Students must obtain a passing grade on all assessments that the administration might implement after this policy is passed
- Students must obtain an acceptable score on MSAD #40's writing assessment

~~June 2002 for grade eight to enter high school:~~

- ~~▪ Students must have a passing grade for the year in English, math, Science, social studies, and health (if taught that year)~~

- ~~▪—Students must have a passing grade on the Eighth Grade math placement test~~
- ~~▪—Students must obtain a passing grade on all assessments that the administration might implement after this policy is passed~~

June 2003 for grade eight to enter high school:

- ~~▪—All the requirements from June 2002 and~~
- ~~▪—Students must obtain an acceptable score on MSAD #40's writing assessment~~

The following standards are established for students to move from sixth grade into middle school:

June 2002 for grade six to enter middle school:

- ~~▪—Students must have a passing grade for the year in English, math, science, and social studies~~
- ~~▪—Students must have a passing grade on the sixth grade math assessment~~
- ~~▪—Students must obtain a passing grade on all, assessments that the administration might implement after this policy is passed.~~
- ~~▪—Students will be in the fourth stanine or higher on the District's reading assessment or show significant progress toward that goal as measured by a valid assessment of reading achievement. (Gates and running records on milestone books are most often used here as alternatives.)~~

June 2003 for grade six to enter middle school:

- ~~▪—All the requirements from June 2002 and~~
- ~~▪—Students must obtain an acceptable score on MSAD #40's writing assessment~~

The Administration will establish passing grades or acceptable performance to move between grades. They will include the student's teacher(s) in discussions about promoting individual students.

Students with Individual Educational Plans will move between grades according to the progress shown on their plan.

Parents may discuss decisions flowing from these standards with the Administration. The decision of the Administration on such matters will be final.