Bibb County Public Schools 2017 Promotion Criteria

Effective for Elementary and Middle School Students for the 2016-2017 School Year
Bibb County Vision

• Each student demonstrates strength of character and is college or career ready.
Purpose

- In July 2003 the state passed the Georgia Promotion, Placement, and Retention law which requires 3rd, 5th and 8th grade students to pass parts of the state assessment.

- In addition to successfully meeting promotion requirements, 3rd, 5th and 8th grade students must pass specific Milestones Tests in order to be promoted.

- The purpose of this meeting is to make sure students and parents are aware of the promotion requirements for students in grades 1-8.
Promotion Criteria for First Grade

GRADE 1: To be promoted to grade 2, a student must meet the following requirements:

• Earn a passing final grade in English/Language Arts (70 and above).
• Earn a passing final grade in mathematics (70 and above).
• Must earn one of more “Meets” in science and social studies.
• Meet attendance requirements.
Promotion Criteria for Second Grade

GRADE 2: To be promoted to grade 3, a student must meet the following requirements:

- Earn a passing final grade in English/language arts (70 and above).
- Earn a passing final grade in mathematics (70 and above).
- Earn one or more “Meets” in science and social studies.
- Meet attendance requirements.
GRADE 3: To be promoted to grade 4, a student must meet the following requirements:

• Earn a passing final grade in English/Language Arts (70 and above).
• Earn a passing final grade in mathematics (70 and above)
• Earn a passing final grade in science or social studies.
• Score “On/Above Grade Level” on the Georgia Milestones End-of-Grade Assessment in reading.
• Meet attendance requirements.
**Promotion Criteria for Fourth Grade**

**GRADE 4:** To be promoted to grade 5, a student must meet the following requirements:

- Earn a passing final grade in English/Language Arts (70 and above).
- Earn a passing final grade in mathematics (70 and above).
- Earn a passing final grade in science or social studies.
- Meet attendance requirements.
Promotion Criteria for Fifth Grade

**GRADE 5:** To be promoted to grade 6, a student must meet the following requirements:

- Earn a passing final grade in English/Language arts (70 and above).
- Earn a passing final grade in mathematics (70 and above).
- Earn a passing final grade in science or social studies.
- “On/Above Grade Level” on the Georgia Milestones End-of-Grade Assessment in reading.
- Earn an achievement level of “Developing Learner”, “Proficient Learner”, or “Distinguished Learner” on the mathematics section of the Georgia Milestones End-of-Grade Assessment.
- Meet attendance requirements.
Promotion Criteria for Sixth and Seventh Grade

• **GRADE 6 and 7**: To be promoted to grade 7 and grade 8, a student must meet the following requirements:
  • Earn a passing final grade in English/Language arts (70 and above).
  • Earn a passing final grade in mathematics (70 and above).
  • Must not fail three or more other courses.
  • Meet attendance requirements.
# Promotion Criteria for Eighth Grade

**GRADE 8:** To be promoted to grade 9, a student must meet the following requirements:

- Earn a passing final grade in language arts (70 and above).
- Earn a passing final grade in mathematics (70 and above).
- May not fail three or more other courses.
- Earn “On/Above Grade Level” on the Georgia Milestones End-of-Grade Assessment in reading.
- Earn an achievement level of “Developing Learner”, “Proficient Learner”, or “Distinguished Learner” on the mathematics section of the Georgia Milestones End-of-Grade Assessment.
- Meet attendance requirements.
Milestones Administration

- Dates: April 10-25, 2017
- Attendance: Mandatory for all students in Grades 3-8
- Have to take the test to be considered for promotion
- Students must be at least “On Grade Level” for reading (3rd); at least “On Grade Level” for reading and “Developing Learner” for math (5th and 8th)
- No passing scores = retention; therefore, a student must take the Milestones Test
- Make-up testing days will be available for illnesses
School Intervention Plan

- To better meet the needs of all students, after testing every school will have a specific plan of intervention strategies for all students during the last 4 weeks of school.
- Remediation strategies will focus on the specific areas that a student needs to be successful at the next grade level.
- Acceleration strategies will focus on the key terms and concepts that students will be taught at the next grade level.
- Students will receive more targeted, focused, and individualized instruction with familiar staff.
Milestones Re-Test

- Students in Grades 3, 5, & 8 that need to take the Milestones Re-Test in reading and/or math will test in their home schools on **May 18-25, 2017**.
- The Milestones Re-Test in **ELA** will be **Thursday and Friday, May 18-19, 2017**.
- The Milestones Re-Test in **math** will be **Monday and Tuesday, May 22-23, 2017**.
- The Milestones Re-Test Make-Ups will be **Wednesday and Thursday, May 24-25, 2017**.
- Students must attend both days.
- The Milestones Re-Test scores are projected to be available in June so students will know if they are promoted or retained for the coming school year.
Summer Opportunity Program

• There will be a Bibb County Summer Opportunity Program for Students in Grades 3, 5, and 8 who are not successful on the Milestones Test (reading – 3rd grade, reading and math— 5th and 8th grade).  *The program will run from June 5th – June 29th.*

• All students who do not pass the 3rd grade reading/ 5th and 8th grade reading and math Milestones requirements *must attend* the Bibb County Summer Opportunity Program to be considered for promotion or administrative placement.
Summer Opportunity Program

• If a student receives passing scores on the Milestones Re-Test, summer school requirements will be considered complete and the student will be promoted.

• If a student does not pass the Milestones Re-Test, he or she must complete the Summer Opportunity Program.

• Successful completion of the Summer Opportunity Program will result in consideration for a possible administrative placement.
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<td>• If a student does not pass the Milestones Re-Test, a parent, guardian, or teacher may appeal the decision to retain the student.</td>
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<td>• The principal will schedule a meeting of the “placement committee,” who is composed of the parent/guardian, principal (or designee) and one of the student’s teachers.</td>
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<td>• A decision to administratively place the student in the 4th, 6th, or 9th grade must be the unanimous decision of the placement committee and must be accompanied by a plan to assist the student’s success in the next school year.</td>
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What Ifs?

**What if my child fails the Milestones for 3rd, 5th or 8th grade?**

- After Milestones testing, students will receive 4 weeks of remediation in their area(s) of need.
- Students will be required to attend the Bibb County Summer Opportunity Program.
- The Milestones Re-Test will be administered to students in Grades 3, 5, & 8 on **May 18-25, 2017**.
- In late June, retest results will be mailed to parents. A student who meets the minimum criteria will then be promoted.
What Ifs?

**What if my child still does not meet the minimum criteria on the Milestones Re-Test?**

- Your child will be retained in Grade 3, 5, or 8 for the 2017-2018 school year.
- Your child will complete the Bibb County Summer Opportunity Program.
- An appeal process can be initiated to review the results of testing and 3rd/5th/8th grade performance.
- Placement in the next grade requires a unanimous vote of a committee.
What Ifs?

What if my child fails reading and/or math, but passes the Milestones?

• Bibb County will only offer the Bibb County Summer Opportunity Program for students in Grades 3, 5 and 8 who have not passed the Milestones; therefore, your child will be retained.
What Can You Do Now?

• Keep in close contact with your child’s teacher if your child is making low grades in reading and/or math.
• Monitor your child’s grades.
• Spend 20 minutes reading with your child each day and take turns reading.
• Ask your child questions about what was read: specific facts, comprehension and predictions.
What Else Can I Do?

• Review math facts and provide practical examples and problems.
• Ensure that homework is done nightly to reinforce concepts being taught in the classroom.
• Ask for additional work to help areas of weakness.
• Help your child be prepared to learn every day!
• Practice online test tools at http://www.georgiaexperienceonline.com/
• Find additional Parent Resources at: Testing.GADOE.Org – Under the Georgia Milestones Tab
And, to help your student approach testing in a relaxed positive way...

- Encourage your student to employ good study and test-taking skills. These skills include following directions carefully, avoiding careless errors, and reviewing work.
- Explain the purpose of the test. The assessments give students an opportunity to show what they have learned in school. They also give teachers information that helps them plan instruction.
- Point out that some items may be more difficult than others.
- Ask your student about the testing at the end of each day.