

New Jr. High Graduation Policy,

This year we will be making changes to the long standing tradition of Junior High Graduation. On May 24, 2012 both 7th and 8th grade students will be participating in this graduation ceremony. For the 2012-13 school year and beyond Junior High Graduation will involve only 7th grade students. The reason for this is twofold. With the configuration of our campuses eighth graders have always been on the high school campus so it really does not make sense for them to graduate to high school when they have already been on that campus for a year. Also, with the state assessment system eighth grade students are required to pass certain subject assessments to be promoted. Assessments are done late in the school year and students that do not pass the first administration of the assessment will not have time to take retakes before graduation. This has created problems in years past because many times these students will pass the retake to qualify for promotion but will not have been allowed to “walk” at graduation because at graduation time they were not legally promoted. Seventh graders are not subjected to these same assessment guidelines and can “walk” at graduation regardless of their assessment outcome. For these two reasons it makes sense to make this transition now during the state transition from TAKS testing to STAAR testing. For additional information on this subject please contact Mr. Harrell or Mrs. Wilson.

Thank you,

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