

To Parents and Guardians:

Please review the following 8th grade graduation requirements. There is a distinct difference between graduation from Jefferson School and being promoted to the next grade level.

Graduation requirements are the standards students must meet in order to qualify for participation in a graduation ceremony signifying successful completion of Jefferson School. Graduation is a status that must be earned. No one has a guaranteed right to graduate. Graduation, unlike promotion, means that students are ready for high school.

It is possible for students to be promoted, or moved to the next grade, without having met all of the requirements for graduation. Some students may be retained and required to repeat eighth grade. Others who have been retained once, will be allowed to move ahead because it is not realistic to hold back students year after year regardless of their age. All of these students who have not met the requirements for graduation will not receive a Jefferson School Diploma; participate in the annual graduation trips, activities, and ceremony; or the graduation dance. Children with identified special needs may be held to a differential standard(s) for graduation.

Please pay careful attention to the trimester report cards you receive. Failure of a required subject or D grades put graduation in jeopardy. This can happen as early as the first trimester of 6th grade.



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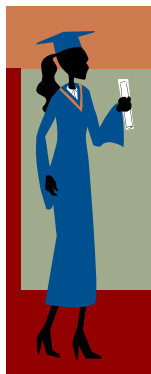


Eighth Grade Graduation Requirements

Preparing for High School

One focus of Jefferson School's program is to help students make a successful transition to high school. To accomplish this, students must satisfactorily complete a rigorous core academic curriculum.

Parents will be notified on a regular basis of their students' progress towards meeting graduation requirements. This communication will be done via progress reports, report cards, Aeries Portal, and parent letters.



CJSF (California Junior Scholarship Federation) is an honor program that students can qualify for during their 7th & 8th grade years. CJSF membership is gained after qualifying grades are earned each semester

and students remain in good behavioral standing. In order to become a member, the student must submit an application each semester the student is eligible. A point system specified in the CJSF State By-Laws establishes the membership requirements. In high school, the students can then work towards CSF (California Scholarship Federation) qualifications. This membership offers scholarships, recognition on college applications, etc. More information can be found on the CSF website at <http://csf-cjsf.org>.

Graduation Requirements

The Board of Trustees shall confer a diploma on students who meet either of the following requirements:

1. The student has earned a 2.0 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 grade scale in all subjects (including electives) for their 6th, 7th and 8th grade years. When a student received an "incomplete" on a report card due to absences, he/she has three weeks after the end of the trimester to complete the grade(s).

2. The student has successfully completed his/her Individualized Educational Plan (Special Education), Individual Language Plan (English Learner Program), or a general education 504 Plan.

The student has passed the approved differential standards described in the Individualized Educational Plan, Individual Language Plan, or 504 Plan.

Students who have not earned a 2.0 grade point average or have not successfully completed their IEP, ELP, or 504 Plan for their 6th, 7th and 8th grade years combined will not receive a Jefferson School District Diploma; participate in the annual graduation trips, activities, and ceremony; or the graduation dance.



Valedictorian/Salutatorian

The principal will review all students' 6th, 7th and 8th grade report cards and determine which student(s) accumulated the highest grade point average in all subjects and select that student as class valedictorian.

The salutatorian award will be granted to the student(s) with the second highest grade point average.

Determination of valedictorian and salutatorian will be based on three trimesters of 6th and 7th grades in addition to two trimesters of 8th grade reporting periods.