



Learn from the Past Live in the Present Plan for the Future

Middle School is a time to make the transition from Elementary School into High School and to prepare for college and career. As with many things in life, one must meet certain standards in order to move forward and make progress. As a student, you too must meet certain standards to move to the next grade level, the next school level, receive a diploma from High School, and a degree from College. One of the most important standards used to determine if you are ready to move forward is the grades you earn in your classes. For a High School Diploma you must earn a certain number of credits (220), for a College Degree you must earn a certain number of units (depends on the degree) and to promote from Joseph Kerr Middle School you must earn a certain number of credits.

How do I earn credits?

By earning passing grades in your classes. An F does not get you anything.

How many credits do I earn for each class?

2.5 credits per class period. If you have a 2 period class you would earn 5.0 by passing.

How many credits can I earn each quarter?

15.0 credits are possible each quarter unless you take a 0 period class and then you could earn 17.5 credits per quarter.

How many credits do I need to earn to get to the next grade level (like 7th to 8th)

You need to earn 15.0 credits per quarter that you attend Joseph Kerr Middle School to get to the next grade level.

What if I fail a class?

If you fail a class, you may be required to attend summer school to make up the credits.

What if I fail a lot of classes?

If you fail more than one class you might have to repeat the grade you are in. Failing classes is a strong measure that you have not met the standards necessary to move forward.

If you have failed a class(es) it is not too late to turn it around.

You know the things you need to do to get passing grades:

- ◇ Use your Trackerr
- ◇ Do your best and all your assignments
- ◇ Monitor your grades – know where you are
- ◇ Get tutoring when you need to
- ◇ See you teacher or counselor for help
- ◇ Keep communicating with your family

