



## 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GRADUATION AND ACTIVITIES ELIGIBILITY CHART

Graduation is a wonderful time to celebrate milestones in life, and certainly, reaching this point at the end of junior high is one of those times. In order to be clear about the eligibility for the various activities and events, please refer to the following information arranged in a Tier formation to help both you and your child clearly understand the process that La Loma will follow this spring leading up to the conclusion of the school year. The highlighted Tier indicates our records of your student's present status. Conduct code

<u>Tier 1- Diploma and may participate in all 8<sup>th</sup> grade and end of the year activities</u>	
<u>Activities</u>	<u>Accomplishments</u>
Diploma Graduation Ceremony Great America Graduation Dance	Passing all core classes for 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> grade year and U.S. Constitution Test <u>Does not</u> have two or more U's for the third or fourth quarter. <u>Does not</u> owe money, books, or computers <u>Did not</u> receive more than four days of suspension or 2 home suspensions during the third or fourth quarter. Step 6 of the truancy policy.
<u>Tier 2- Diploma, but may not participate in any 8<sup>th</sup> grade or end of the year activities</u>	
Diploma No ceremony No Great America No graduation dance	Passed all core classes for 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> grade year as well as the U.S. Constitution Test. <b>But...</b> <u>Has</u> two or more U's for the third or fourth quarter, <b>or....</b> <u>Owes</u> money, books, computer, <b>or...</b> <u>Received</u> four or more days of suspension or two home suspensions during the third or fourth quarter. Reached step 6 of the truancy policy.
<u>Tier 3- No Diploma or Graduation Ceremony, but may participate in 8<sup>th</sup> grade activities.</u>	
No diploma No ceremony Great America Graduation dance	Failed one or more core classes for 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> grade year (no diploma or ceremony) <b>or</b> did not pass the U.S. Constitution test. <b>But...</b> <u>Does not</u> have two or more U's for the third or fourth quarter. <u>Does not</u> owe money, books or computers. <u>Did not</u> receive more than four days of suspension or two home suspensions for the third or fourth quarter. Reached step 6 of the truancy policy.
<u>Tier 4- No diploma and cannot participate in graduation, 8<sup>th</sup> grade activities, or end of the year activities.</u>	
No diploma No ceremony No Great America No graduation dance	Failed one or more core classes for 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> grade year, failed the U.S. Constitution Test <b>And...</b> Has two or more U's for the third or fourth quarter, <b>or...</b> Owes money or books, computer, <b>or...</b> Received four or more days of suspension or two home suspensions for the third or fourth quarter. Reached step 6 of the truancy policy.
*** Note: 8 <sup>th</sup> grade student's participation in all other school activities such as track, Lancer Day, Six-Flag field trip, or any other extracurricular activities at the end of the year are subject to standard school eligibility guidelines. No more than one F, no more than one U, 2.0 GPA or higher	



## La Loma Junior High School

### Graduation/Promotion/Retention Requirements

A major focus of the junior high school is to help students make a successful transition to high school. To accomplish this, junior high school students must satisfactorily complete a rigorous core academic curriculum. Below are the board established requirements for students to graduate from junior high school and receive a diploma.

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### Graduation Requirements

To receive a diploma of graduation from junior high school, students must:

- ◆ **Pass all required core classes for four semesters during 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade- no failing grades**  
Language Arts: Four (4) semesters                      Math: Four (4) semesters  
Science: Four (4) semesters                              Social Studies: Four (4) semesters
  - ◆ **Receive a 60% or above passing grade on the MCS District U.S. Constitution Test.**
  - ◆ **Students who are academically eligible may lose the privilege of participating in the graduation ceremony for any of the following reasons:**
    - Classroom Citizenship: Two (2) unsatisfactory marks on the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter report card
    - Suspensions: One 4-day or two separate suspensions during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter
    - Fees Owed: All debts must be cleared in order to participate
    - Attendance: Student reaches Step Six (6) of Truancy Policy
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### Promotion to High School

- ◆ **Students *ineligible* to receive a graduation diploma may be *promoted* to high school with:**
  - No more than two (2) semester F's in required core courses (Language Arts, Math, Social Studies or Science) during the 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Note:** These students will not receive a junior high diploma or participate in graduation ceremonies.

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### Retention

- ◆ **Students may repeat 8<sup>th</sup> grade due to academic failure in either requirement.**
  - Three (3) or more semester F's in required core courses (Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Science) in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Notification of this will occur after final grades are posted second semester by a phone call and letter indicating the need to meet to discuss the retention.