



Los Angeles Unified School District
Local ESC - North

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Dear 8th grade Parent/Guardian:

We have five weeks until the end of school and I want to make sure that each student has the privilege of participating in all 8th grade activities and walking across the stage to receive his/her certificate of completion on June 8, 2017.

I will continue to meet with 8th grade students at risk for possible Non- Ceremony / Non-Culmination. and discuss with them ways to improve their grades in order to be able to culminate.

I would also strongly encourage you to set up conferences with your child's teachers as a means of improving his/her grades. You may set up an appointment by emailing your child's teacher. The email list is available in the Main Office. Below is a list of upcoming events.

Awards Night	May 24, 2017 at 6pm (Auditorium)
Notification of Non-Culmination/ Non-Ceremony	May 26, 2017
Grad Night	June 2, 2017 at 4pm
Culmination Rehearsal	June 5, 6, & 7, 2017
Culmination Ticket Distribution	June 7, 2017 (during Culmination Rehearsal)
Fun Day	June 7, 2017 (after Culmination Rehearsal)
Culmination Ceremony (Minimum Day)	June 8, 2017 at 4pm (Field- Sarah Gate)
Last Day Of Instruction (Minimum Day)	June 9, 2017

Los Angeles Unified School District requires that a student meet the following criteria to become eligible to participate in all 8th grade activities including Grad Night, Fun Day, and the Culmination ceremony:

- 50 credits in the eighth grade with marks of "D" or better in all subject areas. Which means....No more than TWO (2) F's on the final report card for the entire year.....BOTH FALL AND SPRING semesters Combined!
- No more than TWO (2) U's in Cooperation and/or No more than TWO (2) U's in Work Habits for the entire year.
- No more than SEVEN (7) Absences for the entire year.
- Returned and/or cleared all textbook debts, library books and/or any other debts. *If you do not pay your debt, you will not receive your culmination certificate and, furthermore, the debt will follow you to high school.
- No frequent or serious violations of school regulations.
- Administration reserves the right to withhold a student from participating in the culmination ceremony.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If a student has too many U's in the first semester, it is still possible to participate in the Culmination Ceremony if you make an honest effort to improve these marks in the 2nd semester; an appeal process is required.

If you have any questions regarding these requirements for a certificate of completion and for participation in culmination activities, or anything else I can help you with, please contact me at 818-487-7600 x 7637.

Sincerely,

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