

**GRADING POLICY / CREDIT SYSTEM** - Fremont Middle School has an academic credit system to advance from one grade level to the next. The credit system, similar to a high school credit system, will help students focus on academic goals and increase participation in their education. The system operates as follows:

Each subject area class is worth 1/4 credit per quarter, equal to one full credit for a full year. This is for all classes - core content (English, Math, Reading, Science, Social Studies) and Elective classes (such as PE, band, vocal music, art, industrial technology). Students can accumulate a maximum of three and one half credits a semester and seven credits each year. In three years at the Middle School, they can accumulate a maximum of 21 credits. Students must accumulate a minimum of **16.5** credits through three years at Fremont Middle School to move to Florence High School. Quarter grades are used to determine if credits are earned.

1. There will also be a minimum number of credits needed to advance from one grade level to the next:

**5 credits are needed to move to 7th grade,**

**10.5 credits are needed to move to 8th grade,**

**16.5 credits are needed to move to the high school or seven credits in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade.**

2. The credits will be determined at the END of the summer after students have had a chance to earn credits through summer school or correspondence classes. If students do not meet the credit system guidelines at the end of their 6th, 7th, or 8th grade school year, they will need to attend summer school or complete a certified correspondence program to make up the missing credits. If students do not have the minimum number of credits at the END of the summer to advance to the next grade level, they will need to repeat that grade the next school year. Credit recovery tutoring classes will also be offered after the school day throughout the year to help students prevent required attendance at summer school and/or possible retention.

3. Students new to Fremont Middle School in 7th grade must earn a minimum of 6 credits to pass to the 8th grade and must earn 12 credits total by the end of their 8th grade year to advance to the high school. Students new to Fremont Middle School in 8th grade need to earn 6 credits to advance to the high school. Students not enrolled in FMS for a full year will have a modified plan.

<b>GRADE</b>	<b>CREDITS</b>	<b>POSSIBLE CREDITS NEEDED</b>	<b>REMEDIAL PLAN</b>
8 <sup>th</sup>	7	16	summer school / correspondence/ retention
7 <sup>th</sup>	7	10.5	summer school/ correspondence/ retention
6 <sup>th</sup>	7	5	summer school/ correspondence/ retention
<b>Totals</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>16.5</b>	<b>(minimum of 13 in core and 5 in specials)</b>