



2017-18 8th grade Culmination Requirements

To qualify to participate in culmination ceremony ECMS-G students must fulfill the following requirements:

- 2.0 Grade Point Average or better each semester (GPA is unweighted average of overall course grades.)
- Completion of and participation in all Interdisciplinary benchmark assessments
- Student has applied to at least 2 high schools. Must verify with copy of application
- Complete at least 5 hours of community service on campus or in the community
- No more than 3 disciplinary referrals in 2017-18 school year

Academic requirements

3.0 Grade Point Average or better each semester qualifies student for Honor Roll, and 3.5 Grade Point Average for High Honors. Honors and High Honors will be determined based on first semester grades finalized on **January 12**, and third quarter second semester grades finalized on **April 6**.

Students are expected to pass each semester with a 2.0 or above. If a student earns below a 2.0 GPA in the first semester which are finalized on **January 12**, they will be on probation and must attend mandatory tutoring and/or after school labs. By the end of the third quarter of second semester **April 6**, if a student is still below a 2.0 GPA, the student will not be eligible to participate in the culmination ceremony. Students who are not eligible to participate due to academic performance in culmination will be notified by April 9, 2018. Qualifying appeals must be submitted within two weeks of notification no later than April 23, 2018. Parents will be informed if their appeal was approved under certain agreements such as mandatory tutoring by April 30, 2018.

Behavior

Students who receive 4 or more disciplinary referrals may not participate in end of year activities, such as; culmination, 8th grade dance, 8th grade camping trip and field trip.

High School Preparation

Students will be expected to apply to two or more high schools of choice and verify an application has been submitted by **April 13, 2018** in order to meet all culmination requirements. Throughout the school year students and families will have an opportunity to learn about the various high school options and application processes. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Daniella Torrecilla for more information.

Community Service

Community Service introduces students to the vast and varied needs of the greater community and prepares them for high school requirements. Through hands-on experience, students see that their time and efforts can have an important impact on the lives of others. From this involvement, it is our hope the students gain a sense of accomplishment, independence, and personal responsibility. Students will be asked to complete up to 5 hours of community service (ex: helping teacher organize library, putting up chairs at lunch, volunteering at an animal shelter) Students can choose an act of service before school, recess/lunch, or after school with approval from a teacher/staff member or with an organization outside of school. Documentation will be provided and students must complete their community service hours by **April 13, 2018**.