

El Cerrito Middle School



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Dear Parents/Guardians and 8th Grade Students,

With the school year under way, we hope your 8th grade year is off to a successful start! This year will be a memorable time for you as you experience your last year of intermediate school and begin preparing for high school!

As in the past, El Cerrito Middle School will hold a special Promotion Ceremony on Friday, June 3, 2021. In addition to the ceremony, special activities are planned each year for our 8th graders. It is important that students stay focused on their academic success, attendance, and behavior as they complete their last year of intermediate school. Parents, please read the information provided in this letter about the special end-of-the-year activities for eighth grade students carefully and discuss the contents with your child. Your cooperation and support are greatly appreciated!

Please mark your calendars with the following important dates:

8th Grade Activities and Promotion Ceremony

8th Grade Awards Night	Thursday, May 26, 2022 (6:00 - 8:00 PM)
8th Grade Dance	Thursday, June 2, 2022 (4:00 - 6:00 PM)
8th Grade Promotion	Friday, June 3, 2022 @ 9:00 AM

AWARDS NIGHT

8th Grade Awards Night is a special event for students, parents, and staff. 8th grade students are recognized for outstanding academic achievement, academic effort, citizenship, and accomplishments during their two years at El Cerrito Middle School.

8th GRADE PROMOTION

The Promotion Ceremony is the final event of the school year for 8th graders as their family, friends, and the El Cerrito staff join to celebrate their success and promotion to high school. All students earning a 1.5 or higher cumulative GPA (7th & 8th grade) will participate in the Promotion Ceremony

ACTIVITIES

Students will have the opportunity to participate in many activities throughout the year (dances, field trips, 8th Grade End-of-the Year Dance, etc.). All students are expected to demonstrate appropriate school behavior. The following guidelines and expectations have been established to participate in these special activities

Academics:

- Students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher (7th & 8th grade).

Attendance:

- Students must attend 95% or more of the school days/periods they are enrolled to participate in the activities. Flexibility may be assigned to absences required due to public health guidelines.
- Students demonstrating poor attendance habits or not following attendance procedures (i.e. excessive tardies, truancies, no documentation from medical appointments, or frequent early dismissals) will be referred to administration and may be excluded from participating in the school activities.

Behavior:

- Disciplinary Saturday Schools must be served.
- Students earning multiple Ed. Code violations resulting in administrative disciplinary action may not be allowed to participate in school activities.
- Students consistently demonstrating poor behavior habits may be placed on an individual behavior contract. Parents will be notified if participation in Promotion Activities is a part of the student’s individual behavior contract.

DRESS CODE

All students will be expected to comply with the Corona-Norco School District and El Cerrito Middle School dress code policies. Regular school attire is appropriate, and we encourage parents to refer to the guidelines listed in the student handbook to ensure appropriate attire for the Dance and Promotion Ceremony.

Suggestions for Promotion Attire:

- Gentlemen: Regular school attire or “business casual”
- Ladies: Regular school attire, casual dresses, or pant outfits

Please note that no shoes or sandals with heels will be allowed on the stadium field. All shoes for the Promotion Ceremony must be flat or wedge style.

8th grade students and Parents/Guardians, please acknowledge receipt of this letter and the information regarding the criteria for students to participate in the 8th grade activities and Promotion Ceremony by signing below. **Students please return the bottom portion of this letter to your Success for School teacher no later than Friday, October 1. Failure to return the bottom portion of this letter may preclude your student from participating in our special 8th grade activities.**

Student Name _____ ID# _____ SFS Teacher _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____