



## **2020-2021 Pupil Progression Plan**

**Local Education Agency:  
Morris Jeff Community School**

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## Background and Purpose

Louisiana state law (R.S. 24.4) requires local education agencies (LEAs) to establish a comprehensive Pupil Progression Plan based on student performance on the Louisiana Educational Assessment Program with goals and objectives that are compatible with the Louisiana Competency-Based Education Program and which supplements the minimum standards approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE). **The plan shall address student placement and promotion** and shall require the student's mastery of grade-appropriate skills before he or she can be recommended for promotion.

The law states that "particular emphasis shall be placed upon the student's proficiency in grade-appropriate skills which may be considered in promotion and placement; however, each local school board shall establish a policy regarding student promotion and placement." The law goes on to require the state Department of Education to establish, subject to the approval of BESE, the level of achievement on the fourth and eighth grade LEAP test\_in mathematics, English language arts, science, and social studies\_needed for students to advance to grades five and nine. BESE must also determine the nature and application of various intervention options to be used when students fail to meet the minimum academic standards approved by the board.

BESE has established minimum standards in [L&P 1003.0 - L&P 1003.0 - L&P 1003.0 - L&P 1003.0](#) that relate to placement, promotion, and supports and interventions for students not meeting minimum academic standards. BESE has also approved regulations pursuant to state law that relate to placement and promotion in [L&P 1003.0 - L&P 1003.0 - L&P 1003.0 - L&P 1003.0](#), which includes but is not limited to instructional time, grading policies, credit recovery, and graduation requirements. These bulletins also adhere to federal and state laws and regulations that govern the placement and promotion of students with disabilities, English learners, and transfer students.

The purpose of this document is to assist LEAs in developing their required Pupil Progression Plan in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, and to codify LEA policies and procedures related to student placement and promotion. In each section of this document, language that conforms to applicable laws and regulations has been pre populated. Space is provided for LEAs to add any additional local policies and procedures that fulfill the mandate of the law and support students in acquiring proficiency in grade-appropriate skills. Once completed, submitted to the Louisiana Department of Education, and published locally, teachers shall determine promotion or placement of each student on an individual basis. LEAs may review promotion and placement decisions in order to ensure compliance with their established policy, and reviews may be initiated by a school's governing body, the local superintendent, or a student's parent or legal custodian.

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## Placement of students in Kindergarten and Grade 1

### Kindergarten

Schools can only make recommendations to parents regarding student enrollment in kindergarten, since kindergarten is not mandatory. However, in accordance with state law (R.S. 17:221), once students have enrolled in kindergarten, they are subject to compulsory attendance laws and promotion requirements set forth by the LEA.

Every child, as a prerequisite to enrollment in any first grade of a public school, shall meet one of the following criteria:

- attended a full-day public or private kindergarten for a full academic year; or
- passed an academic readiness screening administered by the LEA at the time of enrollment for first grade

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The minimum age for kindergarten shall be one year younger than the age required for that child to enter first grade. Each local educational governing authority, by rule, may provide for a child of younger age to enter kindergarten, provided that such child has been evaluated and identified as gifted in accordance with state regulations for such evaluation.Á

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### Grade 1

Any child admitted to kindergarten pursuant shall be eligible to enter first grade upon successful completion of kindergarten, provided all other applicable entrance requirements have been fulfilled.

The age at which a child may enter the first grade of any public school at the beginning of the public school session shall be six years on or before September thirtieth of the calendar year in which the school year begins.

Any child transferring into the first grade of a public school from another state and not meeting the requirements herein for kindergarten attendance shall be required to pass an academic readiness screening administered by the LEA prior to the time of enrollment for the first grade.

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**NEW:** Morris Jeff Community School (MJCS) follows the PreK-3rd Assessment Guidance provided by the Louisiana Department of Education. DIBELS Next is used as a literacy screener for students placed in kindergarten and grade 1 and is administered within the first 30 school days. In addition, the DRDP-K is used as a Kindergarten Entry Assessment for first-time kindergarten children and is also completed during the first 30 school days. The DRDP-K is a measure of children’s development in key domains of school readiness (Approaches to Learning, Social Emotional, Language and Literacy, Math, and Physical Development). STEP (Strategic Teaching and Evaluation of Progress) is used as a diagnostic literacy benchmark assessment and administered during each quarter of the school year.

Assessment results are used for early identification of students who struggle in order to provide the necessary support to ensure growth, the ability to stay on track for mastery of grade level standards, and appropriate grade placement.

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### Placement of transfer students

A student who has transferred from a public school, in- or out-of-state, or a nonpublic school, shall be granted credit for work completed in the previous school. A properly certified transcript shall be required with the student’s record of attendance, levels of achievement, history of immunization, and units of credit earned.

Evaluation information for exceptional students transferring from another school system shall be reviewed by pupil appraisal and approved by a supervisor of special education before the student is enrolled in a special education program.

Students in grades 5 and 9 transferring to a public school from any in-state nonpublic school, any approved home study program, or a Louisiana resident transferring from any out-of-state school, shall be required to pass the English language arts and mathematics portions of the LEAP placement test. <sup>A</sup>

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Students transferring to MJCS in grades K-3 will be assessed by the DIBELSNext literacy screener and STEP assessment to determine grade level placement. Students transferring to MJCS in grades 4-8 will will be assessed by the LEAP 360 Diagnostic or Interim to determine grade level placement.

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## Promotion for students in kindergarten and grades 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, and 7

Teachers shall, on an individual basis, determine the promotion of each student according to the local Pupil Progression Plan. Particular emphasis shall be placed upon the student's proficiency in grade-appropriate skills.

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Morris Jeff will use the following criteria to determine the promotion of each student in grades K, 1 and 2:

- o Performance on reading and math state standards as indicated by report cards.
- o Performance on end of the year readiness requirements as indicated on a standardized measure such as STEP
- o Participation in a school-provided remediation program

Morris Jeff will use the following criteria to determine the promotion of each student in grades 3 and 5:

- o Performance on state standards in Reading, English Language Arts, mathematics, science and social studies as indicated by report cards.
- o Performance on standardized measures such as LEAP and/or LEAP Connect assessments
- o Participation in a school-provided remediation program

Each program's director/principal will review and either approve or reverse each determination of student promotion made by a teacher at the school.

Procedures:

1. Identification of students (6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade) in danger of failing during at the conclusion of the first semester of the school year.
  - a. Any students with an IBYTD grade 3 or lower in any subject area for the second quarter.
2. Students with a 3 or lower in an Art, Design, Physical & Health Education and/or Language Acquisition: Spanish will be contacted by the teacher of the subject area with classroom interventions and receive an "In Danger of Failure" communication from the Middle School administration.
3. Students with a 3 or lower in Individuals & Societies, Language and Literature, Mathematics and/or Science will have an Individual Academic Improvement Plan (IAIP) created and implemented through the school's Student Assistance Team (SATeam).
4. The IAIP will be implemented and revisited as needed during the third and fourth quarters of the school year.
5. A determination of promotion to the next grade level will occur at the conclusion of the fourth quarter.
  - a. For promotion to the next grade, students must earn a final achievement level of 3 or higher in all subject areas.
  - b. If the student had a 0, 1, or 2 in Language and Literature and/or Mathematics, the student must complete summer remediation in order to be promoted to the next grade.
  - c. If a student had a 0, 1, or 2 in any other subject area, the student must complete summer work and turned in summer work at the conclusion of summer remediation.
6. The principal will review and approve or reverse each determination of student promotion made by a teacher at the school.

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## Promotion of students in grade 4

Each LEA shall identify third and fourth grade students who have not met an acceptable level of performance that would enable them to successfully transition to the next grade level. Fourth grade students who have not met the acceptable level of performance may be retained or promoted, but in either case, shall be provided with an individual academic improvement plan that adheres to the following requirements:

The school shall convene an in-person meeting with the student's parent or legal custodian, all teachers of core academic subjects, and specialized support personnel, as needed, to review the student's academic strengths and weaknesses, discuss any other relevant challenges, and formulate an individual academic improvement plan designed to assist the student in achieving proficiency in all core academic subjects. All participants shall sign the documented plan and meet to review progress at least once more before the next administration of the LEAP assessment.

The student shall be provided with focused, on-grade level instructional support that is appropriate to the content area(s) in which the student has not yet achieved proficiency. Instruction shall be aligned with state academic content standards.

The student shall be identified as requiring an academic improvement plan in the state Student Information System (SIS).

The student shall be afforded the opportunity to receive grade-level instruction during the summer.

Each LEA shall adopt a written policy pertaining to the development of individual academic improvement plans. This policy shall be included in the Pupil Progression Plan.

The Department shall audit a random sampling of students identified as needing an individual academic improvement plan in each local education agency each year.

The LDOE will provide to each LEA a roster of third and fourth grade students who have scored below the "Basic" achievement level in at least two core academic subjects. Such roster will assist the LEA in making final determinations relative to students' required individual academic plans.

The decision to retain a student as a result of his/her failure to achieve the standard on the LEAP shall be made by the LEA in accordance with this pupil progression plan.

The individual academic improvement plan shall continue to be in effect until such time as the student achieves a score of "Basic" in each of the core academic subjects that initially led to the development of the student's individual academic plan.

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Morris Jeff will use the following criteria to determine the promotion of each student in grade 4:

- o Performance on state standards in Reading, English Language Arts, mathematics, science and social studies as indicated by report cards.
- o Performance on standardized measures such as LEAP and/or LEAP Connect assessments
- o Participation in a school-provided remediation program

Procedures:

- 1) Identification of incoming 4th grade students who did not score Basic on LEAP 2025 in two core subject areas. For 20-21 identification will be based on LEAP 360 diagnostic, 3rd grade report cards, and additional data.
- 2) Inviting parents/guardians to a goal-setting conference in September, including the formulation of an individual academic improvement plan.
- 3) Individual academic improvement plan implemented and revised as needed.
- 4) Inviting parents/guardians to 3rd quarter report card conferences to review progress on plan.
- 5) Students who continue to not meet an acceptable level of performance (based on grades and LEAP 360 Interim Assessment Data) will be invited to summer school.

Each program's director/principal will review and either approve or reverse each determination of student promotion made by a teacher at the school.



## Promotion and support of students in Grade 8

### Regular Grade 8 Promotion

Eighth grade students shall score at least at the “Basic” achievement level in either English language arts or mathematics and “Approaching Basic” in the other subject in order to be promoted to the ninth grade. Students who do not meet the promotion standard after taking the eighth grade state assessments in the spring may be placed on a high school campus in the transitional ninth grade. For any student who recently completed the eighth grade and is transferring into the LEA from another state or country after the completion of summer remediation, the LEA shall review the student’s academic record to determine appropriate placement in ninth grade or transitional ninth grade. Such placement shall occur no later than October 1 of each school year.

### Grade 8 Promotion Waivers

The LEA may waive the state policy for students scoring at the “Unsatisfactory” level in English language arts or mathematics, if the student scores at the “Basic” level in the other, provided that the student has participated in the spring administrations of LEAP and has attended the summer remediation program offered by the LEA.

An LEA, through its superintendent, may grant a waiver on behalf of individual students who are unable to participate in LEAP testing or unable to attend LEAP summer remediation, including summer remediation required for placement in transitional ninth grade, because of one or more of the following extenuating circumstances as verified through appropriate documentation:

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### Transitional 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

Any first-time eighth grade student who does not meet the passing standard set forth in BESE Bulletin 1566, §703, and any student not eligible for any waiver pursuant to §707 of the bulletin, after completing summer remediation, may be placed on a high school campus in transitional ninth grade.

LEAs shall follow the guidelines set forth in §703 to determine, based on evidence of student learning, whether eighth grade students may be promoted to the ninth grade or placed on a high school campus in transitional ninth grade. The percentage of an LEA’s eighth graders placed in transitional ninth grade is expected to remain stable over time. In the event that the percentage of an LEA’s eighth graders placed in transitional ninth grade exceeds the percentage of eighth graders in that LEA eligible for transitional ninth grade at the conclusion of the prior school year, the local superintendent of that LEA shall provide a written justification to the state superintendent.

The initial decision to place a student in the transitional ninth grade or to retain a student in the eighth grade shall be made by the school in which the student is enrolled in the eighth grade, in consultation with the student's parents.

The LEA shall admit transitional ninth grade students, subject to any admissions requirements approved by the school's governing authority or charter authorizer.

For any student who recently completed the eighth grade from another state or country and is transferring into the LEA after summer remediation has taken place, the LEA shall review the student's academic record to determine appropriate placement in ninth grade or transitional ninth grade. Students placed in the transitional ninth grade shall complete the remediation program offered by the LEA. Such placement shall occur no later than October 1 of each school year.

After one full year of transitional ninth grade, students shall be included in the ninth grade graduation cohort for high school accountability purposes.

Students enrolled in transitional ninth grade shall receive appropriate academic supports in any subjects in which they did not score at or above proficient, as determined by BESE. A plan outlining such academic supports shall be included in the student's individual graduation plan (IGP). Progress pursuant to such specified academic supports shall be reviewed at least once throughout the school year in order to determine effectiveness and any needed adjustments.

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Procedures:

1. Identification of students (8<sup>th</sup> grade) in danger of failing during at the conclusion of the first semester of the school year.
  - a. Any students with an IBYTD grade 3 or lower in any subject area for the second quarter.
2. Students with a 3 or lower in an Art, Design, Physical & Health Education and/or Language Acquisition: Spanish will be contacted by the teacher of the subject area with classroom interventions and receive an "In Danger of Failure" communication from the Middle School administration.
3. Students with a 3 or lower in Individuals & Societies, Language and Literature, Mathematics and/or Science will have an Individual Academic Improvement Plan (IAIP) created and implemented through the school's Student Assistance Team (SATeam).
4. The IAIP will be implemented and revisited as needed during the third and fourth quarters of the school year.
5. A determination of promotion to the next grade level will occur at the conclusion of the fourth quarter.
  - a. For promotion to the ninth grade, students must earn a final achievement level of 3 or higher in all subject areas.
  - b. If the student had a 0, 1, or 2 in Language and Literature and/or Mathematics, the student must complete summer remediation in order to be promoted to the ninth grade.
  - c. If a student had a 0, 1, or 2 in any other subject area, the student must complete summer work and turned in summer work at the conclusion of summer remediation.
6. The principal will review and approve or reverse each determination of student promotion made by a teacher at the school.

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## High School Considerations

### Instructional Minutes

When awarding credit based on instructional time, LEAs shall provide a minimum of 7,965 instructional minutes for one Carnegie credit, and students shall be in attendance for a minimum of 7,515 minutes. In order to grant one-half Carnegie credit, LEAs shall provide a minimum of 3,983 instructional minutes, and students shall be in attendance for a minimum of 3,758 minutes.

### Individual Graduation Planning

By the end of the eighth grade, every student (with the assistance of his parent or other legal custodian and school guidance personnel, counselor) or IEP team (when applicable) shall begin to develop an [Individual Graduation Plan](#) (IGP). An IGP guides the next academic year's coursework, assisting students in exploring educational and career possibilities and in making appropriate secondary and postsecondary education decisions as part of an overall career/post-secondary plan.

### Financial Aid Planning

Louisiana requires public school students graduating spring 2018 and beyond to take one of the following steps as part of their Individual Graduation Plan:

[Complete the FAFSA](#); or

[Complete the Louisiana TOPS form](#); or

Certify a waiver in writing to the LEA (sample: [non-participation LEA form/Letter](#)); or

Receive a waiver through the district hardship waiver process.

### Early Graduation

Each LEA shall develop an early graduation program allowing students to accelerate their academic progress, complete all state graduation requirements, and receive a high school diploma in less than four years.

The early graduation program may include distance education (§2326), dual enrollment (§2327), and Carnegie credit and credit flexibility (§2314).

LEAs shall not have any policies or requirements that would prevent students from graduating in less than four years.

### Credit Recovery

Students may earn a maximum of seven credit recovery units that may be applied towards diploma graduation requirements and no more than two Carnegie units annually. The school system must annually report to LDE the rationale for any student:

receiving more than two credit recovery credits annually; and/or

applying more than seven total credit recovery Carnegie units towards graduation requirements.

Students earning Carnegie credit in a credit recovery course must have previously taken and failed the field. Previously attempted coursework is considered an academic record and must be recorded on the official transcript.

Completed credit recovery courses must be recorded and clearly labeled on the official transcript.

Students enrolled in credit recovery courses are not required to meet the instructional minute requirements found in §333 (Part A).

Credit recovery courses must be aligned with state content standards and include a standards aligned pre-assessment to identify unfinished learning and a standards aligned post-assessment to demonstrate course proficiency for content identified as non-proficient.

Credit recovery courses taught in a classroom setting using online courses designed for credit recovery must have an assigned certified Louisiana teacher of record or certified teacher of record recognized through a state reciprocity agreement facilitating the instruction.

The end-of-course exam weight in a student's final grade determined by the LEA must be the same for a traditional course and a credit recovery course. Students who have previously passed the end-of-course exam, but have failed the course, may choose to retain the previous end-of-course exam score in lieu of participating in an additional administration of the exam.

## **NCAA Policy**

### **Nontraditional Courses**

Courses include classes taught online or through blended learning, distance learning, credit recovery, independent study, or similar means. For a nontraditional program to be approved, the courses must meet the following requirements:

The courses must meet NCAA course requirements.

The courses must have ongoing and regular teacher-initiated interaction for the purposes of teaching, evaluating, and providing assistance throughout the duration of the course. Examples include synchronous or asynchronous instructive interaction, including emails, videoconferencing, online chats, phone calls, and feedback on assessments.

The courses must have a defined time period for completion. This means the nontraditional program must identify the fastest and slowest paths to successfully complete a course.

Nontraditional courses could fail to meet NCAA core-course requirements for any of the following reasons:

Does not require regular and ongoing instructive interaction between the student and teacher throughout the duration of a course.

Does not require students to complete the entire course.

Allows students to take numerous courses at the same time, especially courses in the same subject area or that are sequential.

Does not prepare students for four-year college classwork.

Does not have official student grade records.

**Information for school administrators**

If a nontraditional course or program at your school has not yet been reviewed by the NCAA, please contact the [NCAA Eligibility Center](#) to begin the review process.

**Credit recovery programs**

For a credit recovery program to be approved, the courses must meet the following requirements:

The courses must meet NCAA core-course requirements, and in some instances, nontraditional course requirements.

The school must follow its credit recovery policies, regardless if the student is an athlete. The NCAA Eligibility Center may request the school's policy, if necessary.

The credit recovery courses should be clearly identified as such on the high school transcript. Repeated courses must be substantially comparable, qualitatively and quantitatively, to the previously attempted course.

**Distance and E-Learning Environments**

Coursework completed via distance learning during the spring and summer of 2020 will not require a separate review. This guidance applies to students seeking college eligibility.

Students are encouraged to complete their NCAA-approved core-courses through the channels of instruction provided or recommended by their school, district, or state department of education.

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**Promotion Grades 9-12:** The following criteria will be used to determine promotion for students in 9-12. The final grade at the end of the year in each subject is the average of all of the quarter grades for the entire year. Carnegie units will be awarded upon course completion.

**Coursework Grading Scale for Grades 9 – 12:** The uniform grading system for all students enrolled in regular courses shall follow the state guidelines. Report card grades are expressed as letter grades. At Morris Jeff High School, the final grade at the end of the year in each subject is the average of all of the quarter grades for the entire year, but if the fourth quarter is failed, the course is failed. In the event a student fails a course due to failing the fourth quarter he/she will be allowed to present their case to the SBLC/SATeam through a due process hearing.

*Note: MJHS does not weight high school grades.*

**Determination of Class Rank:** MJHS does not rank students.

**Course Grading Requirements (9 – 12):** Teachers should share a syllabus that outlines the work of the course and the grading requirements with each pupil and parent during the first week of classes each year or semester with appropriate follow-up reminders. The syllabus should give parents and pupils a clear definition of what the pupil must accomplish and show how the grade will be earned over the duration of the course. In all instances, final examination results shall be counted as no less than 20% and no more than 25% of the grade for the reporting period. Mandated LEAP 2025 exams will be 20% of the total course grade and may be part of the final examination grade.

**Progress Reports – Grades 9 – 12:** All students must receive quarterly progress reports. Progress reports must be issued halfway through each marking period (i.e., mid quarter).

**Course Credit for Incoming Freshmen:** Incoming freshmen who earned credit for English I, English II, Algebra I, Geometry, Biology, and /or U.S. History in middle school must demonstrate proficiency by scoring BASIC or above on LEAP 2025 state assessments; otherwise, the student will be required to repeat the course.

**Final Grade Calculations for courses that have a High School LEAP 2025 Assessment**  
 (Quarter 1 + Quarter 2 + Quarter 3 + Quarter 4 + EOC) / 5 = Final Grade  
 Each quarter will be worth 20% and the LEAP 2025 assessment will also be worth 20%.

**Final Grade Calculations for courses that do not have a High School LEAP 2025 Assessment**  
 (Quarter 1 + Quarter 2 + Quarter 3 + Quarter 4) / 4 = Final Grade  
 Each quarter will be worth 25%.

In the case of sequenced courses (e.g. English I, II, III, IV or Digital Media I & II, or French I and II) typically, Morris Jeff High School requires a student to complete and earn credit in a sequenced course before s/he is enrolled in the next course in the sequence. Students are typically required to recover credit in the course by attending and satisfying the requirements of summer school, or by repeating the course in the following academic year. In light of school closure in Summer 2020, the practice regarding sequenced courses may be suspended on a case-by-case basis for the academic year of 2020 – 2021 in order to ensure student graduation progress is not unduly impacted by circumstances beyond student control. Each student must fulfill requirements of credit recovery in the event of course failure, however a student MAY be enrolled in the next course in the sequence in 2020 – 2021 even if the credit has not yet been recovered in the previous course in the sequence.

**Students may only be awarded NEW academic credit in these cases:**

- Successful completion of a Carnegie unit at Morris Jeff high school.
- Enrollment at MJCS, if student has previously earned a high school Carnegie Unit in 8th grade AND passed the applicable LEAP 2025 (exception: waived in year 2020-2021 because no state testing in Spring of 2020) provided that documentation has been submitted by parent or through school records request.
- Transfer to MJCS, if student has previously earned a Carnegie Unit in high school provided that documentation has been submitted by parent or through school records request.
- Coursework taken at MJCS (including International Baccalaureate pre-Diploma Programme Summer Science preparation program if offered in summer and student graduation progress and/or course sequence.)
- Awarded through partnerships with NOCC and NOTEP.
- Proficiency testing - limited to Environmental Science for students in FULL Diploma Programme and in the respective language in the case of native speakers or alumni of language immersion programs of French or Spanish ONLY.

**MJCS Credit Recovery**

- A pupil who completed a course (1 unit or ½ unit) which typically earns Carnegie unit credit and who is not satisfied with the course may elect to repeat the course, so long as the course is offered at MJCS and master schedule permits. The school retains the right to assign students to credit recovery or to repeat the full course. A course that a student has NOT failed, but that the student is not satisfied with, may be repeated one time during the academic year, if the student and school master schedule permit, and the pupil, in writing, with the parent or guardian's signature requests the principal's permission to repeat the course, and such permission is granted. This request becomes a part of the cumulative folder.

**Students may recover credit from a course the student has previously failed (due to grade earned or insufficient attendance) according to the following:**

- Students may earn a maximum of seven credit recovery units that may be applied towards diploma graduation requirements and no more than two Carnegie units annually. The school will typically limit scheduling credit recovery opportunities in order to satisfy this condition. In the case of the 2020 - 2021 academic year, in light of the cancellation of summer credit recovery due to Covid 19 school closures, the school will schedule senior students to recover the credit in the High School credit recovery program, and also seek permission for LDOE to award the credit in the case of successful completion of the course. Students will NOT earn credit for courses in credit recovery in excess of 2 per year, unless LDOE grants permission.
- A student who fails a course which typically earns Carnegie unit credit and/or is required for graduation progress MUST repeat the course, either by recovering credit by satisfying academic and attendance requirements of Morris Jeff Summer School, or by retaking the course the following academic year, or through the MJCS Credit Recovery program during the academic year.
- If ANY course (in credit recovery via Morris Jeff Summer School, or within the academic year through the MJCS Credit Recovery program) is retaken, the student record MUST reflect both grades earned in the course, and both grades MUST be used in calculating GPA.
- Students in credit recovery will be assigned a letter grade, A - F which will be reported as a credit recovery course grade in the Z column of the transcript.

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## Support for students

### School year support

The individual academic plan for each student identified in §701 of BESE Bulletin 1566 will outline the responsibilities of each party for students who have failed to achieve the standards by the end of fourth grade.

The LEA will design and implement additional instructional strategies to move the students to grade-level proficiency by providing at least two of the following, which will be documented in the individual academic improvement plan:

The student is placed in the classroom of a teacher who has been rated “Highly Effective” pursuant to his/her most recent evaluation or has achieved a value-added rating of “Highly Effective” pursuant to his/her most recent evaluation, or has documented evidence derived from state summative assessments of improving the academic performance of students having individual academic improvement plans in the past.

The student completes summer remediation.

Additional instructional time is provided during or outside of the school day to expose the student to high-quality instruction. This will not result in a student being removed from English language arts, mathematics, science, or social studies courses.

The student is provided access to on grade-level instruction that is aligned to Louisiana State Standards, which may include some below grade-level content and support needed to address the student’s identified weaknesses.

Remediation programs used throughout the school day and school year will not account for more than 35 percent of total instructional minutes.

The LEA will offer, at no cost, extended, on-grade level instruction through summer remediation to students who did not take the spring LEAP tests or who failed to meet the standard set forth in §701 and §703 of BESE Bulletin 1566. The LEA will provide transportation to and from the assigned remediation summer site(s) from, at a minimum, a common pick-up point.

Students with disabilities attending summer remediation will receive special supports as needed.

### Summer remediation

Pursuant to state law (R.S. 17:24.4), LEAs shall continue to offer summer remediation to any student not meeting promotion standards as determined by BESE. Summer remediation programs will meet all of the following requirements:

Uses curriculum determined by the Louisiana Department of Education to fully align to Louisiana State Standards (Bulletin 141 – *1n| bMIM@MIXMxy\_nx"l`jba`1MI`|MZ`°x|y*, Bulletin 142 – *1n| bMIM@MIXMxy\_nx`2 MaZk Mby*, Bulletin 1962 – *1n| bMIM@MIZI VZ`f nl {ZI {`@MIXMxy*, and Bulletin 1964 – *1n| bMIM@MIZI VZ`f nl {ZI {`@MIXMxy*).

Utilizes teachers rated “Highly Effective” pursuant to the teacher’s most recent evaluation or have achieved a value-added rating of “Highly Effective” on the most recent evaluation.



Limits remedial (below grade-level) instruction to only necessary and focused skills as identified from top-quality assessments and does not account for more than 35 percent of the total summer remediation instructional time.

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## Promotion and placement of certain student populations

### Students with disabilities

Students with disabilities attending summer remediation shall receive special supports as needed.

IEP teams shall determine promotion to the next grade level for a student with a disability who fails to meet state or local established performance standards for the purposes of promotion. Such determination shall be made only if, in the school year immediately prior to each grade level in which the student would otherwise be required to demonstrate certain proficiency levels in order to advance to the next grade level, the student has not otherwise met the local requirements for promotion or has not scored at or above the basic achievement level on the English language arts or mathematics components of the required state assessment and at or above the approaching basic achievement level on the other (Bulletin 1530 §403).

### English learners

The requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 are as follows:

Establish procedures to identify language minority students.

Establish procedures to determine if language minority students are Limited English Proficient.

Establish procedures for age-appropriate placement and determine the specialized language services or program the district will use to address the linguistic and cultural needs of the Limited English Proficient student.

Limited English Proficient (LEP) students shall participate in the statewide assessments pursuant to Bulletin 118. Increasing the expectations for the academic content that students must master in grades K-12 requires a parallel increase in expectations for English language acquisition.

Establish procedures to monitor former Limited English Proficient students for two years.

Ensure that no LEP student shall be retained solely because of limited English proficiency.

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MJCS establishes and monitors compliance with civil rights requirements for English Learners through our grant management and compliance monitoring procedures, established in consultation with obligations for LEAs receiving Title III funds. All LEA schools, whether they benefit directly from Title III funds or not, are required to comply with all district monitoring requirements.



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## Alternative education placements

Alternative schools/programs serve students who are not succeeding in the traditional educational setting and offer a venue that aids in preventing these students from dropping out of school. Alternative schools/programs provide educational and other services to students who have a variety of behavioral and other needs that cannot be adequately met in a traditional school setting. (Refer to Bulletin 741, §2903 and Bulletin 131)

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In the event that an alternative setting is considered for a current MJCS student, MJCS follows its Response to Intervention structures which may include student's response to intervention data, parent participation, advice from other professionals, etc. when considering alternative placement in conjunction with local/state guidelines and the receiving organization.

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## Due process related to student placement and promotion

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Regular education students: In case of a discrepancy with student placement at the school site, the student and/or parent may make an appointment with the Programme Director or the Principal/Head of School to discuss the discrepancy. Parents/guardians may request an appeal of a disputed grade through the Director or Principal/Head of School. All final decisions will be documented and placed in the student's cumulative record. A high school student who has failed due to an end of the quarter grade may request an appeal through the Director or Principal/Head of School. All final decisions will be documented and placed in the student's cumulative record. Upon the request of a high school senior student (not in the Diploma Programme of IB) who has failed a course(s)/semester necessary for graduation, the student shall be afforded the privilege of requesting an examination in each of the courses failed. The examination will be comprehensive, and the grade earned on the examination will be considered the final grade for the course/semester. The request for the examination(s) will be contingent upon the student's having met the minimum attendance requirements. The examination will be scheduled not later than twelve (12) days prior to the date set for graduation.

Students with disabilities: Students performing in the diploma track shall follow the guidelines set forth for the regular education students. The request for review of records for promotion is given to the Students Assistant Team. This team consists of persons who have knowledge of the exceptionality and the students' programming. The decision is made after review of records, programming and assessment by the SATeam.

Section 504 students: Section 504 students shall follow the guidelines set forth for the regular education students.

### Additional LEA policies related to student placement, promotion, etc.

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#### Policy for Development of Individual Academic Intervention Plan

Morris Jeff Community School (MJCS) will follow the procedures below to develop the IAIP for students in grades 4 and 8 to support them towards academic success and promotion to the next grade level.

- Teachers will review student grades for 2nd quarter in promotional subjects (reading/ELA, math, science, and social studies) and will notify parents of any student who is in danger of failing at this point in the school year.
- An Individual Academic Intervention Plan (IAIP) will be developed at a meeting of the Response to Intervention (RTI) or Student Assistance Team (SAT) where parents, teachers, students (as appropriate), and any support staff needed will discuss and review the student's academic history.
- The IAIP will be implemented for the remainder of the school year and revisited as needed by the RTI or SAT team. Adjustments to the plan will be made as deemed necessary by the team.
- The IAIP will be reviewed by the RTI or SAT team again before a final determination is made concerning student promotion.

In the high school, the following items apply:

- There shall be four 9-week grading periods.
- Carnegie units are awarded at the end of the school year for year long courses. Carnegie units for semester long classes are awarded at the end of the semester.
- At the midpoint of each grading period, progress reports will be issued.
- In LEAP 2025 HS (or EOC) courses—English I, English II, Algebra I, Geometry, and Biology I—the test score as converted based on the LDE conversion chart will count as 20% of the final grade for the course.
- Morris Jeff does not rank students for graduation class ranking purposes.

Students may only be awarded NEW academic credit in these cases:

- Enrollment at Morris Jeff, if student has previously earned a high school Carnegie Unit in 8th grade AND passed the applicable LEAP 2025 (exception: waived in year 2020-2021 because no state testing in Spring of 2020)
- Transfer to Morris Jeff, if student has previously earned a Carnegie Unit in high school
- Coursework taken at Morris Jeff (including International Baccalaureate pre-Diploma Programme Summer Science preparation program if offered in summer and student graduation progress and/or course sequence.)
- Awarded through partnerships with NOCC and NOTEP.
- Proficiency testing - limited to Environmental Science for students in FULL Diploma Programme and in the respective language in the case of native speakers or alumni of language immersion programs of French or Spanish ONLY.

Students may recover credit from a course the student has previously failed (due to grade earned or insufficient attendance) according to the following:

- Students may earn a maximum of seven credit recovery units that may be applied towards diploma graduation requirements and no more than two Carnegie units annually. The school will typically limit scheduling credit recovery opportunities in order to satisfy this condition. *In the case of the 2020 - 2021 academic year, in light of the cancellation of summer credit recovery due to Covid 19 school closures, the school will schedule senior students to recover the credit in the Morris Jeff High School credit recovery program, and also seek permission for LDOE to award the credit in the case of successful completion of the course. Students will NOT earn credit for courses in credit recovery in excess of 2 per year, unless LDOE grants permission.*
- A pupil who completed a course (1 unit or ½ unit) which typically earns Carnegie unit credit and who is not satisfied with the course may elect to repeat the course, so long as the course is offered at Morris Jeff Community School and master schedule permits. A student may NOT elect to enroll in credit recovery; the school retains the right to assign students to credit recovery or to repeat the full course.
- A student who fails a course which typically earns Carnegie unit credit and/or is required for graduation progress MUST repeat the course, either by recovering credit by satisfying academic and attendance requirements of Morris Jeff Summer School, or by retaking the course the following academic year, or through the MJCS Credit Recovery program during the academic year.

A course that a student has NOT failed, but that the student is not satisfied with, may be repeated one time during the academic year, if the student and school master schedule permit, and the pupil, in writing, with the parent or guardian's signature requests the principal's permission to repeat the course, and such permission is granted. This request becomes a part of the cumulative folder.

#### Credit Recovery

If ANY course (in credit recovery via Morris Jeff Summer School, or within the academic year through the MJCS Credit Recovery program) is retaken, the student record MUST reflect both grades earned in the course, and both grades MUST be used in calculating GPA.

Students in credit recovery will be assigned a letter grade, A - F which will be reported as a credit recovery course grade in the Z column of the transcript.

Please note: The school reserves the right to have the student repeat the course in the most appropriate setting for his/her learning, either summer school at Morris Jeff or during the academic year. Morris Jeff Summer School and Morris Jeff credit recovery program during the academic year are the only programs approved for Morris Jeff students to recover credit.

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### LEA assurances and submission information

Assurance is hereby made to the Louisiana Department of Education that this (insert name of LEA) **Morris Jeff Community School** 2020-2021 Pupil Progression Plan has been developed in compliance with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations. If any local policy outlined in this plan conflicts with federal or state laws or regulations, I understand that federal and state laws and regulations shall supersede the local policy.

Date approved by local school board or governing authority: **August 28, 2020**

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Superintendent

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Board President