

DIGITAL PIONEERS

ACADEMY

Digital Pioneers Academy's mission is to develop the next generation of innovators. We prepare scholars to meet or exceed the highest academic standards, while cultivating the strength of character necessary to graduate from four-year colleges and thrive in 21st century careers.

Goal: Our goal is to support every scholar to graduate from high school on time, prepared for college and career. Sometimes, scholars need extra support. At DPA, we balance high expectations and high empathy. Our retention policy is meant to provide clarity to help scholars succeed during the school year. In addition, within this policy are plans to provide extra support in the event that a scholar does not meet expectations during the school year.

Middle School (Grades 6th-8th)

A scholar in middle school will be promoted based on the principal's decision, with recommendations from the scholars' teacher(s). In order to be eligible for promotion scholars must:

1. show proficient scores in their core classes (passing grades)
2. have less than 30 unexcused absences

A scholar is at risk of retention if:

1. they have failing grade(s) in core classes
2. have more than 30 unexcused absences

A middle school student who is at risk of retention can be promoted with a written explanation or justification from the principal.

High School (Grades 9-12)

Students who meet the below qualifications are promoted:

Any student who earns six Carnegie Units by completing content standards of the required courses, including units in 9th grade English, shall be eligible to be classified as a 10th grade student.

Any student who earns 12 Carnegie Units by completing content standards of the required courses, including 10th grade English and Algebra I, shall be eligible to be classified as an 11th grade student.

Any student who earns 18 Carnegie Units by completing content standards of the required courses, including 11th grade English, shall be eligible to be classified as a 12th grade student.

Any scholar who does not earn the above credits or meet the above requirements can be retained by the principal. A student who is retained, has the option to complete credit recovery over the summer in order to earn their credit and remain on track to graduate.

Credit Recovery (Grades 9-12)

DPA provides credit recovery before and after school to any scholars who did not earn a credit in the previous school year(s) or during the summer. This is to ensure that all scholars have the opportunity to learn the content and skills necessary for them to get on track to graduate and move to college and career.

Each credit recovery course is designed specifically for the scholar and required class and scholars work asynchronously, with support from a teacher and school administrators. Each course provides scholars with direct instruction, practice, classwork, quizzes, assessments and projects.