



STUDENT RETENTION AND PROMOTION POLICY

Student promotion and retention decisions are based on academic achievement, attendance, and successful completion of course requirements established by the South Carolina Department of Education, the school district, and Coastal High School.

Promotion Requirements

Students are promoted to the next grade level by earning the required number of Carnegie units (credits):

Grade Level	Minimum Carnegie Units Required
Grade 10 (Sophomore)	6 units (including one math and one english)
Grade 11 (Junior)	12 units (including two math and two english)
Grade 12 (Senior)	18 units (including three math and three english)
Graduation	24 units and all state and local graduation requirements

Students who do not earn the required credits may be retained at their current grade classification until promotion requirements are met.

Course Credit

Students earn one Carnegie unit by successfully completing a full-credit course with a final grade of **60 or higher** and meeting attendance requirements.

Retention

Students who fail required courses or do not earn sufficient Carnegie units may be required to:

- Repeat failed courses.
- Participate in credit recovery or approved summer learning opportunities.

- Follow an individualized graduation plan developed with school counselors and administrators.

Credit Recovery

Students who fail a course may be eligible to recover credit through district-approved credit recovery programs or other approved instructional options. Eligibility and placement are determined by school administration.

Graduation Requirements

Students must successfully complete all state and local graduation requirements, including the required Carnegie units and any additional graduation requirements established by the school district and the South Carolina Department of Education.

Appeals

Parents or guardians who have questions regarding promotion or retention decisions should first contact the student's school counselor or principal. Decisions may be reviewed in accordance with district policies and procedures.