

Projected Graduation Date

7th grade

January

ASCA Standards: A:A3 Achieve school success, A:B1 Improve learning, A:B2 Plan to achieve goals

Purpose:

Students will understand how middle school study habits and learning are a predictor of high school performance, and opportunities beyond high school.

Students will:

- Know how to plot successful middle school course completion and figure out cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA)
- Understand how middle school learning can be projected to high school and beyond
- Be able to project the number of years they will need to complete high school based on their current rate of learning.

Materials needed:

Projected number of year to complete High School Graph

Transcript or IMS access

Lesson

- ❖ Start lesson by reviewing critical vocabulary: on time graduation, semester/trimester, cumulative, grade point average (GPA). Describe the number of classes needed to graduate from high school
 - 6 classes each semester so 12 classes a year
 - Show students that this is 48 semester classes (12 classes/year X 4 years) in high school
 - Share with students that they need to pass 44/48 or 11/12 semester classes each year.
 - You can let them know that a "D" is passing but will GREATLY impact their GPA.
 - Explain to student that the work they do in middle school prepares them for future learning and sets them up to pass their high school courses.
 - Have students calculate how many trimester classes they need to pass in middle school if the same "graduation criteria" applied.
 - 11/12 in high school per year and in middle school they have 21 classes per year then $11/12 = 2/21$. So about 19 classes a year or 57 out of 63 classes for all 3 years of middle school.
- ❖ Use overhead with 4 year high school projection graph.

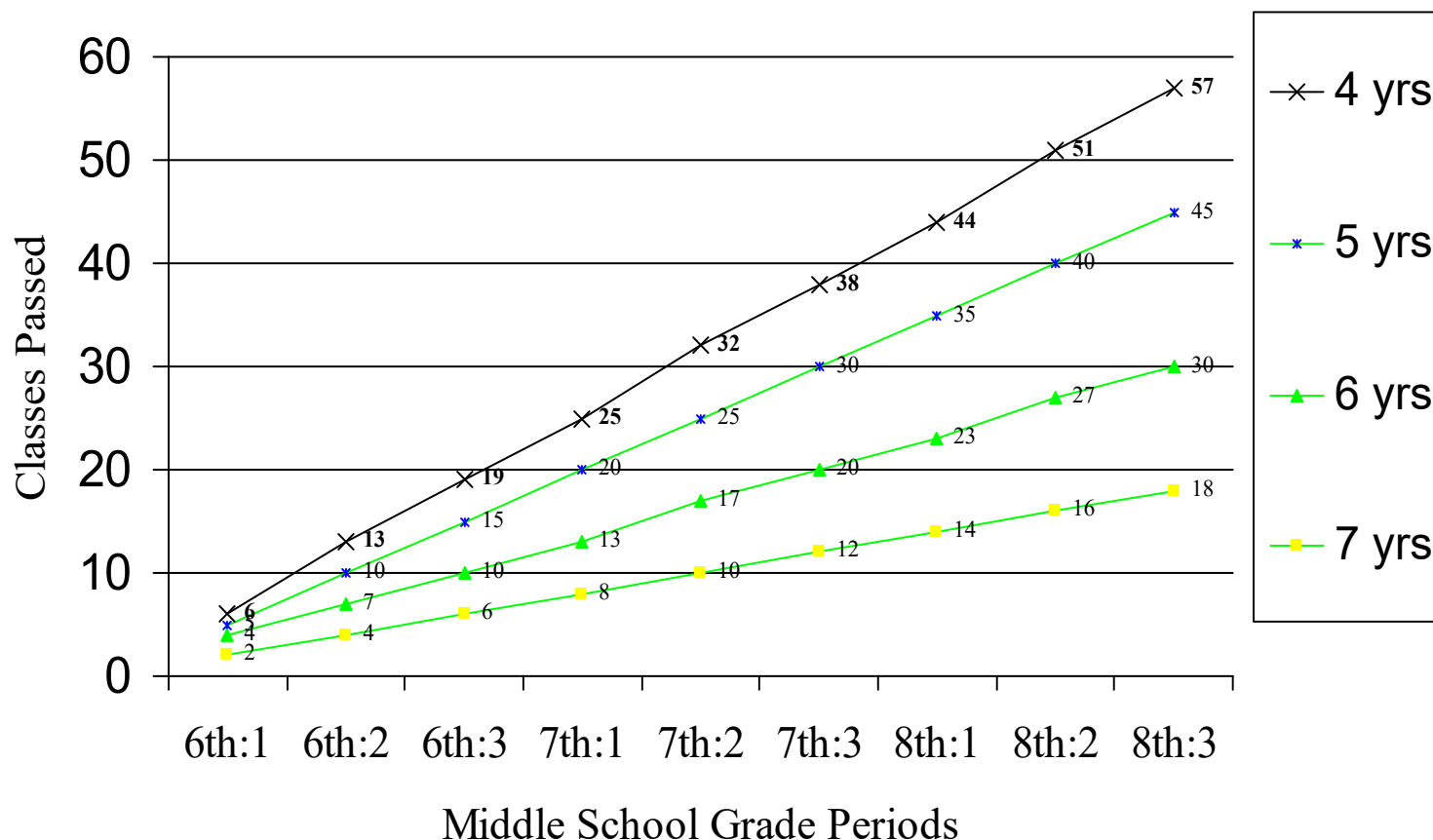
What to do if you are NOT on track to Graduate

(these of course is also good things to do even if you are on track to graduate)

- ✓ Attend school- the majority of learning happens IN the classroom
- ✓ Be involved in class- do class work, participate in discussions
- ✓ Do your homework - practice makes smarter
- ✓ Study for Tests
- ✓ Attend after school study club
- ✓ Get involved in ASB, Sports or a Club- students who are involved tend to do better in school
- ✓ Chose friends who want to succeed
- ✓ Set up a homework spot and ritual at home
- ✓ Meet with your counselor
- ✓ Talk to your parents about getting extra help
- ✓ Take online summer classes
- ✓ See if your future high school has any jump start classes in the summer
- ✓ Read the book "7 habits of highly effective teens"
- ✓ Talk to a successful high school student - see what they do to succeed
- ✓ TRY!!!!

Projected number of years to complete High School

Anticipated Year of High School Graduation _____ Name: _____



Directions:

- Enter the number of classes passed each grade period and the Cumulative Total.
- Plot the cumulative total of classes passed each trimester. (The Cumulative Total is the current class total passed plus the previous cumulative total.)
- Connect the dots of the graph above after you have at least two grade periods.
- Determine if you are learning and progressing at a rate that will allow you to graduate from High School in 4 years.
- Set goal(s) for next grade period.
- Share your progress with your parent(s).

Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) _____

Grade Period	Classes Passed	Cumulative Total (Graph this #)	Target Cum. Total
6th: 1 st Tri	_____	_____	<u>6</u>
6th: 2 nd Tri	_____	_____	<u>13</u>
6th: 3 rd Tri	_____	_____	<u>19</u>
7th: 1 st Tri	_____	_____	<u>25</u>
7th: 2 nd Tri	_____	_____	<u>32</u>
7th: 3 rd Tri	_____	_____	<u>38</u>
8th: 1 st Tri	_____	_____	<u>44</u>
8th: 2 nd Tri	_____	_____	<u>51</u>
8th: 3 rd Tri	_____	_____	<u>57</u>