

Important Information Regarding Grade Level Determination

Grade Level Determination for High School Students

Seattle Public Schools has established new criteria for determining students' high school grade level. **Each August**, students' grade levels are evaluated and adjusted by the District based on the following credit levels: This grade level appears on your student's academic history and class schedule.

- 10th grader = minimum 5 credits**
- 11th grader = minimum 10 credits**
- 12th grader = minimum 15 credits**

If their total credits do not meet the above minimums, students will **not** be moved into a lower grade level during the August adjustment; but they **will** be retained in their current grade level.

- Example: An 11th grade student with 4 credits will not be changed to the 9th grade; they will be retained as an 11th grader.

Schools are allowed to adjust students' grade levels during the school year for credits earned before September 1 of the current school year. Any credits earned after September 1 of the current school year cannot be used by the school to adjust a student's grade level. These post September 1 credits will be evaluated and adjusted by the District the following August.

- Example 1: Summer School Credits are earned before September 1 can be used to adjust a student's grade level.
- Example 2: Out-of-District credits that need to be evaluated and entered can be used to adjust a student's grade level **if** they are EARNED before September 1 of the current school year.

At Garfield, we will continue to distinguish freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors by "Class of (students' projected year of graduation)". Students should register and attend all class meetings based on their "Class of" designation. Please contact your student's counselor if you have any questions.