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Section 8-33.3:1. Remediation efforts explained; alternate means for remediation; when retake not allowed; students who fail grade 8 reading or mathematics test, etc.; remediation record maintained; student's ineligible for remediation recovery.

— A. ~~Suffolk Public Schools shall implement programs to provide instructional support to those students who have demonstrated a need for such support by their failure to pass certain Standard of Learning assessments. Therefore, in kindergarten through grade 12, students may participate in a remediation recovery program established by the Board of Education in English (reading) or mathematics or both. The School Board, based on recommendations received from the office of the school superintendent, develops and implements programs of prevention, intervention, or remediation for students who are educationally at risk, including but not limited to those who fail to achieve a passing score on any Standards of Learning assessment in grades three through eight, or who fail an end-of-course test required for the award of a verified unit of credit. Such programs shall include components that are research based.~~

Any student who achieves a passing score on one or more, but not all, of the Standards of Learning assessments for the relevant grade level in grades three through eight may be required to attend a remediation program.

Any student who fails to achieve a passing score on all of the Standards of Learning assessments for the relevant grade level in grades three through eight or who fails an end-of-course test required for the award of a verified unit of credit shall be required to attend a remediation program or participate in another form of remediation. The superintendent ~~shall~~ requires such students to take special programs of prevention, intervention, or remediation, which may include attendance in public summer school programs. Remediation programs include, when applicable, a procedure for early identification of students who are at risk of failing the Standards of Learning assessments in grades three through eight or who fail an end-of-course test required for the award of a verified unit of credit. Such programs may also include summer school for all elementary and middle school grades and for all high school academic courses, as defined by regulations promulgated by the Board of Education, or other forms of remediation. Summer school remediation programs or other forms of remediation are chosen by the superintendent to be appropriate to the academic needs of the student.

Students who are required to attend such summer school programs or to participate in another form of remediation shall not be charged tuition.

B. The requirement for remediation may, however, be satisfied by the student's attendance in a program of prevention, intervention or remediation which has been selected by his parent, in consultation with the superintendent or designee, and is either (i) conducted by an accredited private school or (ii) a special program which has been determined to be comparable to the required public school remediation program by the division superintendent. The costs of such a private school remediation program or other special remediation program shall be borne by the student's parents.

C. Targeted mathematics remediation and intervention will be provided to students in grades six through eight who show computational deficiencies as demonstrated by their

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individual performance on any diagnostic test or grade-level Standards of Learning mathematics test that measures non-calculator computational skills. The School Board annually evaluates and modifies, as appropriate, based on recommendations received from the office of the school superintendent, the remediation plan based on an analysis of the percentage of students meeting their remediation goals and consideration of the pass rate on the Standards of Learning assessments. (Adopted August 21, 2008, Ordinance Number 08/09-9; Effective: August 21, 2008; Revised June 9, 2016; Ordinance Number 15/16-83; Effective Date: July 1, 2016; Revised December 13, 2018; Ordinance Number 18/19-46; Effective Date: December 13, 2018; Ordinance 21/22-6; Revised August 12, 2021)

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