

Grading is considered a positive tool to indicate achievement and development in each class or subject in which a student is enrolled. The Board of Education recognizes that the classroom teacher has the primary responsibility to evaluate students and determine student grades.

The district will use a uniform grading system at each level (elementary, middle, high). Classroom teachers will evaluate students and assign grades according to the established system.

It is to be recognized that a student is an individual with his/her own abilities and capabilities. It is also recognized that an individual is part of a society which is achievement-oriented and competitive in nature. Hence, when a student's achievement is evaluated, attention should be given to his/her unique characteristics and to accepted standards of performance in the educational setting.

Grading will be based, in part, upon student improvement, achievement, and participation in classroom discussions and activities. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) will be informed regularly, at least four (4) times a year, of their child's progress. The use of marks and symbols will be appropriately explained.

Grading will not be used for disciplinary purposes, i.e., reducing grade for an unexcused absence, although a lower grade can be given for failure to complete assigned work or for lack of class participation.

All students are expected to complete the assigned class work and homework as directed. Students are also expected to participate meaningfully in class discussions and activities in order to receive course credit. If work is missed due to absence, the student is expected to make up the work. The student and/or the student's parent(s) or guardian(s) should discuss with the student's teacher an appropriate means of making up the missed work. Students will have the opportunity to make up all work missed as a result of absence from class. Students whose absence is determined to be truant will not be eligible to make up assignments missed during their absence.

The professional judgment of the teacher should be respected. Once a grade is assigned to a student by a teacher, the grade may only be changed by a principal after notification to the teacher of the reason for such change. Additional state testing may result in automatic recalculation of a student's final average.

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