

Interpreting EAS Term Grades

Academic Terms

Our academic year consists of trimesters (1/3 of the year) which are composed of two “heximesters” each (1/6 of the year):

- Trimester 1 = Terms 1 & 2 (T1 and T2)
- Trimester 2 = T3 and T4
- Trimester 3 = T5 and T6

Math, Spanish, and Art classes continue throughout each trimester, so their trimester grades are averages of the two heximesters.

Integrated classes (English, Social Studies, Art, Science, and STEM) meet for only half a trimester. For example, in T3 a student in Integrated group A or B would have English and STEM; in T4 they have Social Studies and Science. There isn’t any averaging of those grades. A student in Integrated C would earn a T3 grade for Science and a T4 grade for STEM. These represent the Trimester 2 grades for those two classes.

Standards-Based Grading

EAS doesn’t assign letter grades. We use the 4-point scale for standards-based grading (SBG) as described on the linked EAS SBG Conversion Chart. All LWSD schools will someday move to this, but not in the immediate future. Unfortunately, Skyward isn’t designed for standards-based grading, but for the more traditional percentage-based grading that most of us experienced when we were in school. That’s why we need to use the Conversion Chart.

EAS teachers grade student work products on the 4-point scale, with “3” being at-standard, based on district, state, and national learning standards. So on student work, you’ll see a 4-point scale grade. But we can’t input those into Skyward which only accepts percentage inputs. So we created the conversion scale shown on the chart. If a student earned a “3”, we input 80%. If they earned a 3.5, we input 90%.

So, to determine the overall grade for a class, click on the blue hyperlinked letter grade displayed for the class. For this “Trimester 2 Grade Review”, look at T3 or T4 grades (as Trimester 2 is comprised of Term 3 + Term 4). That will open a new window showing more detail, including the “Summary” section which displays the overall class percent. For the example below, clicking on the T3 Science “B+” letter grade brings up a detailed window:

Class	T1	T2	R1	T3	T4	R2	T5	T6	R3
EXPLORATORY SPANISH Period 1 (12:01 AM - 12:02 AM) MARIANNE SITCOV	B+	B+	B+	A	B+	B+	B+		B+
ALGEBRA 1 Period 2 (12:03 AM - 12:04 AM) MARCUS ROSE									
FITNESS Period 3 (12:05 AM - 12:06 AM) JOHN HAMILTON									
SOCIAL STUDIES Period 3 (12:05 AM - 12:06 AM) MICHELLE MINO									
ART Period 3 (12:05 AM - 12:06 AM) JOHN HAMILTON									
ENGLISH Period 3 (12:05 AM - 12:06 AM) MARIEJO ANDERSON									
ART Period 3 (12:05 AM - 12:06 AM) JOHN HAMILTON									
SOCIAL STUDIES Period 3 (12:05 AM - 12:06 AM) MICHELLE MINO									
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ENGLISH Period 3 (12:05 AM - 12:06 AM) MARIEJO ANDERSON									
FITNESS Period 3 (12:05 AM - 12:06 AM) JOHN HAMILTON									
SCIENCE Period 5 (12:09 AM - 12:10 AM) BRIAN HEALY									
SCIENCE/MATH/TECHNOLOGY Period 5 (12:09 AM - 12:10 AM) MARCUS ROSE		B+							
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SCIENCE/MATH/TECHNOLOGY Period 5 (12:09 AM - 12:10 AM) MARCUS ROSE					C+				

T3 Progress Report

ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOOL

SCIENCE (Period 5) BRIAN HEALY

Summary


T3 Grade	Score (%)	Points Earned
B+	88.93	2490 out of 2800

Due	Assignment	Grade	Score(%)	Points Earned	Missing	No Count	Absent
Daily Work							
01/13/20	Term 2 Science Learning Log	B	86.67	520 out of 600			
				* out of 200			
01/10/20	Practice Test	A	100.00	100 out of 100			
01/09/20	pp. 432; 446-449 Reading Q's.	C+	75.00	75 out of 100			
12/12/19	Convection Currents Rdg. Q's.	C	70.00	70 out of 100			
12/10/19	Air Density Reading Questions	A	95.00	95 out of 100			
12/08/19	Density Problems Worksheet	B+	90.00	90 out of 100			
12/06/19	Density Reading Questions	B+	90.00	90 out of 100			
Labs							
01/09/20	Convection Lab	B	80.00	160 out of 200			
12/19/19	Lab-Temp. Affects on Density	C+	75.00	150 out of 200			
12/16/19	Lab-Relative Densities	B	85.00	170 out of 200			
12/06/19	Lab-Density of Irreg. Objects	A	95.00	190 out of 200			
12/03/19	Lab-Density of Regular Objects	A	95.00	190 out of 200			
Tests/Quizzes							
01/13/20	Properties of Matter Unit Test	B+	92.50	1110 out of 1200			
01/13/20	Health Fair Journal	B+	90.00	540 out of 600			
01/13/20	Health Fair Journal	B+	90.00	270 out of 300			
12/20/19	Quiz-Properties of Matter	A	100.00	300 out of 300			

The detail window shows the overall percent grade for the term earned by the student.

Refer to the Conversion Chart to see that a 88.93% is in the “3.3” range – above 85% but not at or above 90%. This shows that the student earned a 3.3 for Term 3 (T3) in Science – in the “at standard” range.

Teacher Comments

If you want further information, some assignments may have teacher comments noted next to the letter grade, designated by a “call out” icon, such as: A  Clicking on the call out icon will display the teacher’s comment specific to that assignment.

EAS Grade Marks

The “letter grade” cut-offs for EAS grades in Skyward are:

Grade Mark Legend		
Default Grade Mark Group		
Grade Mark	High Score	Low Score
A	100.00	94.00
B+	93.99	87.00
B	86.99	80.00
C+	79.99	75.00
C	74.99	70.00
C-	69.99	67.00
D+	66.99	64.00
D	63.99	60.00
F	59.99	0.00

These can be accessed in the assignment detail Gradebook view by clicking on the “Grade Mark Legend” link.