

Section: I: Instructional Programs

Policy Code: IHA

Policy: Grading

Grading System

The established grading system is to communicate to parents a periodic evaluation summarizing significant factors of the student's adjustment in the total education program. The grading system is based upon student achievement and performance, bearing in mind that any system incorporates both subjective and objective considerations in student evaluation.

Objectives

1. To motivate students to exert their best efforts in the learning process
2. To provide a uniform technique for converting numerical values to letter grades
3. To monitor each student's progress

The school year is divided into two semesters. Each semester is further divided into two nine (9) week terms. At the end of each nine week period, the student's work is evaluated and expressed numerically on a scale of 100:

A - Excellent	.....	90 - 100
B - Good	.....	80 - 89
C - Satisfactory	.....	70 - 79
D - Poor	.....	65 - 69
F - Failing	.....	64 & below
I - Incomplete		

CALCULATING STUDENT AVERAGES

Student Daily Grade Averages

Daily grade averages for each nine week marking period are comprised of major grades (assessments and major projects) weighted at 50 percent and minor grades (class assignments, homework, and quizzes) weighted at 50 percent. The daily average for a student accounts for 75 percent of the final grade for the nine week marking period.

Example:

Average of Major Grades - 78

Average of Minor Grades - 84

$$.50 \times 78 + .50 \times 84 = 39 + 42 = 81$$

Calculating the Final Grade For Each Nine Week Marking Period

Nine weeks benchmark assessments have a total weight of 25 percent of the student average for each nine week marking period.

Ex. Daily Average: 81 Nine Weeks Test Grade: 71

Determine 75 percent of the daily average and 25 percent of the nine weeks assessment grade and add those quantities together.

$$.75 \times 81 + .25 \times 71 = 60.75 + 17.75 = 78.5 = 79 \text{ *Nine Weeks Average*}$$

Calculating Semester Averages

Semester averages will be determined by finding the average of the first nine weeks grade and the second nine weeks grade.

Ex. First Nine Weeks Grade: 78 Second Nine Weeks Grade: 86

$$\frac{78 + 86}{2} = \frac{164}{2} = 82 = 83 \text{ *Semester Average*}$$

The same process is used to calculate the second semester average. Semester averages are the final grade for semester courses.

Calculating Final Grades For Year Long Courses

Final grades are determined by calculating the average of the first semester grade and the second semester grade.

Ex. First Semester Average: 83 Second Semester Average: 90

$$\frac{83 + 90}{2} = \frac{173}{2} = 86.5 = 87 \text{ *Final Grade*}$$

Grading Changes

(1) No superintendent, principal, guidance counselor, other teachers, coaches, or other administrative staff members of the school or the central staff of the Mississippi School District shall attempt, directly or indirectly, to change, alter, or otherwise affect the grade received by a student from his/her teacher.

(2) (a) A teacher's determination of a student's grade as a measure of the academic achievement or proficiency of the student shall not be altered or changed in any manner by any school official or employee other than the teacher.

(b) A school official or employee having authority provided under formally adopted written rules and procedures adopted by the Mississippi School District superintendent to change a student's grade can take such action only upon it being determined that the grade is an error or that the grade is demonstrably inconsistent with the teacher's grading policy.

(3) Any local school district or personnel employed by the school district who violates the provisions of the laws shall cause the local school district or school to be subject to losing its accreditation in the manner determined by the policies and procedures of the State Board of Education.

The superintendent or designee shall establish procedures to support this policy. Please refer to the student handbook for specific information regarding Grading.

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