

Dear Middle School Families,

Throughout the summer we had a middle school committee dedicated to developing our reopening plan for the fall. This committee comprised administrators, teachers and paraeducators from all of our middle schools. Through this collaboration, they developed new grading guidelines for the 2020-2021 school year, which have been vetted and approved at the district level and shared with all middle school staff. We are excited to share the new grading policy with you as we feel this plan is equitable for all students whether they are participating in our Hybrid or Distance Teaching and Learning Model.

Stamford Public Schools Middle School Grading Plan: 2020-2021

Grading Scale

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| A = 90-100 |
| B = 80-89 |
| C = 65-79 |
| D = 51-64 |
| F = 35-50 |
| E = Extenuating Circumstances Impacted Opportunity to Earn a True Grade* |

*A grade of an E must be a result of circumstances outside of the control of that student and his/her family.

Category Weights

- ❖ Evidence of Learning (65%)
 - Evidence of learning consists of both formative and summative assessments that include, but are not limited to:
 - Tests
 - Quizzes
 - Projects
 - Exit Tickets
 - Other means of assessing learning (this could include homework**, only if it is graded and feedback is provided)

❖ Participation (35%)

- Considerations for evaluating participation must be appropriate and consistent regardless of the learning model - full in-person, hybrid or full distance learning
- Simply attending a synchronous learning session will not count towards participation. Conversely, inability to attend in a synchronous learning session cannot be held against a student.
- Considerations that meet the standard of active participation include, but are not limited to:
 - Contributing to academic discourse (i.e. in-person, Google Meet, commenting/messaging, etc.)
 - Active engagement of the learning process
 - Completion of assigned tasks, activities and/or assignments, including homework**

**As per BOE policy 6154, homework cannot account for more than 10% of a student's grade