

A Guide to Grading

GRADING AT TCMS

Students receive final grades in two areas: Achievement and Approaches to Learning. Student progress on individual subject standards will be tracked, monitored and communicated.

Grading Scales

Achievement and Approaches to Learning

Score	Letter Equivalent
7-8	A
5-6	B
3-4	C
2	D
0-1	F

Please contact your child's teacher to see rubrics for specific assignments.

Progress

Score	Letter Equivalent
3	"I get it!"
2	"I'm not quite there yet..."
1	"I don't get it."
M	Missing

Grading Definitions

Achievement - What students have proven they know on summative assessments, projects, quizzes, papers, etc.

Approaches to Learning (ATL) - general and subject-specific learning skills that the student will develop and apply. The focus of this area is on teaching students how to learn and on helping students find out about themselves as learners. Assignment completion, meeting deadlines and academic honesty are examples of ATL skills.

Progress - The work students do to learn and practice material. In-class assignments, homework, and exit slips are examples of progress assignments.

Where's the overall grade?

Your child's overall grades will be determined at the end of the quarter.

On the report card, they will receive a final grade in Achievement and a final grade in ATL in each class. Teachers will use your child's scores and the overall subject area rubric to finalize those grades. At this time, teachers' and students' energy is focused on student progress toward mastery on content standards.

