



Thompson School District Upcoming 8th Grade Parents and Guardians :

We hope that you and your child(ren) have had a wonderful 7th grade year and we are looking forward to a great 8th grade year in the fall with your student(s). We wanted to take a moment to inform you about a new and exciting feature in Infinite Campus that will support you and your student(s) as they transition to high school, starting in the fall of our 2023-2024 school year. A large team of teachers and administrators across multiple schools and levels, have been meeting to discuss how we across our system are supporting students transitioning from 8th to 9th grade. As students transition from a Standards Based Grading (SBG) system in middle school, to a traditional scoring system in high school, students don't always see the connection between the two grading systems and how their assigned work and effort affect their overall score, credits, and GPA in high school.

In order to meet the needs of our students, the committee reviewed the current conversion chart that is currently being used for any middle schooler taking a high school course. Ex: An 8th grader who is enrolled in Algebra 1, uses the conversion chart below to report for both middle school and high school scoring.

Traditional Grade (HS)	Standards Based Grade (MS)	Progression of Learning
A 90-100%	3.1 - 4.0	Exemplary
B 80-89%	2.6 - 3.0	Meets
C 70-79%	2.0 - 2.5	Progressing
D 60-69%	1.6 - 1.9	Progressing
F 0-59%	1.0 - 1.5	Emerging
	IE	Insufficient Evidence

The team determined that using the above scale to convert standards-based grades into letter grades, and to show them side by side, would be a good way to show students and guardians how students' scores would convert if they were in high school. Here is an example of what you will see in Infinite Campus/Parent Portal when you login to see your student's progress.

Language Arts 3 S1	
Academics	A (3.5) In-progress
Work Habits	A (4) In-progress
-Semester	A (3.5)



Here is an example of what you will now see as a parent/guardian in IC:

You will notice that the 1-4 scoring system is still being used to score assignments, but overall scores are reported both ways. In the above example the score in the parenthesis () is what their SBG would be, along with the letter grade that corresponds with the converted number. This scoring process will be for any 6th, 7th or 8th grade student enrolled in an 8th grade course, along with those students who are middle schoolers taking a high school level course.

Here is what an overall score would look like when scores are posted at progress, semester, or end of the year:

(S1) Academics	A (3.5) In-progress
Reading	
Demo 1	Due: 05/03/2023
Demo 2	Due: 05/03/2023
Speaking and Listening	

The Middle School Grading Practices Committee believes that reporting grades in both standards-based and letter grade form will help students realize how important their commitment to their education is and that completing their assignments is a habit necessary prior to high school. We also know that this is only one step in the right direction and we know that our committee's work is not done yet.

We look forward to seeing this change in the fall and want to make you are aware of it prior to the year ending. You will also receive information on this during Back to School Night in the fall and look forward to seeing you in attendance. Have a great summer break and thank you for your continued support.