

## GRADING SYSTEMS POLICY (REGULATIONS)

### Minimum Participation Grade (15%)

Higher departmental minimums may be established and maximums must be established departmentally. Within those boundaries, individual teacher practice will prevail.

### Minimum Grade Definition:

No numerical quarter average lower than 54 may be recorded. Minimum passing grade for all courses will be 65. Final exam grades will be reported as the grade earned.

### Grading:

65 – 100	Passing
0 - 64	Failing
P	Passing
I	Incomplete
S	Satisfactory
U	Lacks Attendance/Participation in Physical Education or Unsatisfactory
W/F	Withdraw/Fail
NCA	No Credit – Attendance
NL	No Labs
CRD	Credit Denied – No Summer School

### Exams and Finals:

- Teachers may assess students' performance using alternative forms of assessment (project, portfolios, multimedia presentation, research, etc.), as well as traditional pencil and paper tests.
- Students will be advised each marking period as to the types of assessment that will be used.
- For courses ending in a Regents exam, the Regents exam will serve as the final.
- Courses without a State exam will also culminate in a final.
- Final exams will be departmental.
- Any assessment administered at the end of the marking period must be part of an established pattern of the on-going assessment of students.
- No single assessment administered within a marking period may carry a weight of 25% of a student grade.
- A minimum of at least 5 teacher selected student assessments should be administered in each quarter.

### Computation of Final Mark:

- Full year courses: 20% for each marking quarter plus 20% for final exam or Regent's exam.
- Half year courses: 40% for each marking quarter plus 20% for final exam.
- No quarterly grade will be issued below 54.

### Class Rank:

A student's weighted class rank is unofficially determined in the fall of his/her senior year. Early graduates will be ranked with the other members of the graduating class but will not be eligible for the honors associated with graduation. Ranking is based upon grades students have achieved in all high school courses except physical education, Pass/Fail courses, work-study, academic intervention services, credit by examination and courses taken on an independent study or audit basis. High school courses taken in the eighth grade are included in the ranking. In the case of repeated courses, both final grades will appear on the student transcript. The higher final grade will be calculated for Grade Point Average (GPA), if the course is retaken prior to the start of their senior year. Class Rank is determined by dividing the total number of quality points earned by the number of credits taken for the Class of 2020 and 2021. For the Class of 2022 and thereafter, rank will be assigned to a student in descending order, from highest to lowest weighted GPA using the calculations listed below.

Level of Difficulty	Assigned Weight	Assigned Weight Class of 2022 and thereafter
Advanced Placement	5.0	1.1
Honors	4.0	1.05
Regents	3.0	1.0

Questions regarding the system should be directed to the students' school counselor.