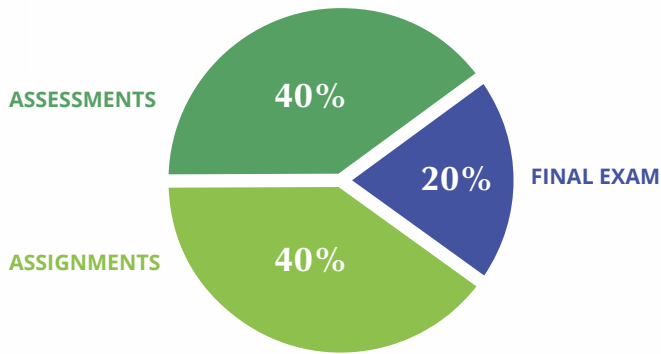


SECONDARY GRADING EXPECTATIONS

Grades within the secondary schools are weighted in the following categories:



HOMEWORK AND MAKE-UP WORK POLICY

Students are responsible to make arrangements with their teachers to complete missed work for absences or suspensions. For each day absent excused, the student has an equal number of days to make up work. Failure to do so may result in a failing grade or no credit in the course. In cases involving an extended absence of more than three days, parents should arrange with the teachers to have work submitted to the office for pick up.

MIDDLE SCHOOL AWARDS AND STUDENT RECOGNITION

Desert Wind and Maricopa Wells recognize and celebrate students who excel in academics, athletics, and who demonstrated excellent character.

GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAM

MUSD's Gifted Program aims to offer a broad base of experiences to our gifted students. By providing a qualitatively different curriculum, this program facilitates the growth of students as independent, life-long learners, with the development of skills, concepts, and positive attitudes with the cognitive, emotional, and social domains considered. A major goal of the curriculum is the teaching and practice of critical thinking skills. For more information, contact: Maricopa Unified School District Office.

SECONDARY STUDENT CLUBS

Students are encouraged to take part in an established extra-curricular club and/or determine if they would like to create a club. Clubs will vary from year to year, based on student interest, but some long-standing clubs include:

- American Indian
- Asian-American Association
- DECA
- JSA
- NHS
- Copa Closet
- Clubs at the middle school level will be established based on student interest

HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS AND STUDENT RECOGNITION

MUSD recognizes and celebrates students who excel in academics, athletics, the arts, and other programs offered within the school throughout the year. Senior honors are presented during the annual Senior Honors Night held in May of each year and for underclassmen each year in the spring. Students are required to be enrolled for the full academic year to be eligible.

Academic Excellence (Letter)

- This award is bestowed upon each student who has maintained an unweighted GPA of 4.0 or for AP/Honor students a 4.0 weighted plus a 3.5 unweighted for Semester 1.

Academic Achievement

- This award is bestowed upon each student who has maintained an unweighted GPA of 3.8-3.99 or for AP/Honor students a 3.8-4.0 weighted plus a 3.0 unweighted for Semester 1.

Honor Roll

- Students who achieve Honor Roll status with a GPA of 3.5 or AP/Honor students a 3.5-3.79 weighted plus a 3.0 unweighted will be honored and acknowledged during the academic day.

Athlete of the Year Award

- This award is bestowed upon one male and one female athlete who have lettered in two varsity sports for the current academic year.

Academic Athlete of the Year

- This award is bestowed upon one male and one female athlete who have lettered in two Varsity sports and hold the highest-ranking grade point averages.

National Junior Honor Society and National

Honor Society

- The National Honor Society is the leader among educational organizations and societies that promotes recognition for students who reflect outstanding accomplishments in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Members exhibit excellence in academics and leadership, honorable and admirable character, and demonstrate a commitment to service.

GRADUATION HONORS

Valedictorian: The student with the highest-class rank will be recognized with a medallion.

Salutatorian: the student with the second highest class rank will be recognized with a medallion.

Academic Excellence: Students who achieve Academic Excellence, as indicated above, will be recognized with a gold cord and a gold tassel.