



# Camerado Springs Middle School

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Welcome Back!

We have hit the ground running. Not only did we transition to ALMA, our new Student Information System, but we officially rolled out IB grading in all 6th, 7th and 8th grade classes. In true IB fashion, we ask that you are **Open-Minded** as we work to articulate your students' level of achievement. It will look a little different in the beginning, but we are confident that it won't take long to make the shift.


That said, let's dig in. IB grades are determined by identifying a student's level of achievement based on the IB descriptors of student work. You can see the full document [here](#) and on our school's website. The narrative on the far right describes the level of achievement. The IB grade on the far left is what IB communicates in lieu of a letter grade.

Unfortunately, our traditional grading system doesn't align with IB grading. Here's what I mean by that. If teachers create an assignment as being "out of 7 points possible", when we enter a level of achievement the gradebook automatically divides the achievement level by 7 to turn it into a grade. But those percentages don't align accurately with the descriptor of student work.


EX: A student's work is determined to be "5 / Proficient". If a teacher were to enter 5/7 in the gradebook, the student would receive a 71%. 71% doesn't align with Proficient. So, teachers worked to create a correlation that better aligns with the IB descriptors. Now, when a student's work is determined to be "**5 / Proficient**", his/her gradebook entry will be **85**. This will show as a percentage because of our system. **Ignore the %**. The number is just a symbol we chose that would better articulate a student's understanding. Here is a chart of other correlations. \*Note: this chart has been simplified from the full document linked above to just show the IB grade and the gradebook entry.

IB Grade	Gradebook Entry
7	A / 95
6	B+ / 88
5	B / 85
4	C+ / 78
3	C / 75
2	D+ / 68
1	D / 65
0	F = 50 / Missing = 0

We appreciate your patience and **Open-Mindedness** as we work to make this shift. As always, please reach out if you have questions.

  
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