

IB-MYP Update

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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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