

# Grading FAQ

## My child got 100% on the test. Why is it only 95 in the gradebook?

- IB grading is about more than just a percentage of accuracy. We grade according to the IB descriptors of student work. In our traditional system, we needed one mark/symbol that would equate to the IB score. If your student has mastered content, he/she will receive a **mastery** mark of **7** which is entered into the gradebook as **95**.

## My child participates in sports and needs GPA grade checks. Will my child still get a GPA?

- Yes. We have worked hard to ensure what we report for IB is also transferable to outside groups who are not familiar with IB reporting. A mastery score will be entered into the gradebook as 95 which translates to an "A."

## Where can I look to find information about my students' grades?





- **ALMA's** parent (and student) portal will show you your student's schedule. To the right of his/her class name you will see a grade. To find more information about what activities/assessments went into this grade, select the class and your student's assignments should be listed.
- The **"To Do"** tab in your parent/student portal will show you any/all missing assignments and any future assignments the teacher may have already entered. This is a good place to look for work your student did not submit.
- **Progress Reports/Report Cards** can be found behind the "Report Card" tab across the top

## My child's grade comes from two categories. Why can't I see homework, classwork, quizzes, and tests?

- We recognize two important categories when looking at student achievement: Evidence Toward the Standard (ETS) and Approaches to Learning (ATL).
  - **Evidence Toward the Standard** (ETS) includes any checks of understanding where your student has been introduced to content, practiced the content, and is now being held accountable for the content. This includes, but is not limited to: tests, quizzes, projects, entrance/exit tickets. This category communicates your child's level of understanding of grade level content standards and IB Objectives.
  - **Approaches to Learning** (ATL) are the work habits that support learning. We recognize that learning must be supported by universal skills such as organization, critical thinking, and communicating. These skills are explicitly taught in class and your child's use of these skills is noted. Teachers use this category to communicate whether your student's work habits are helping or hindering their learning.

## My child's grade has a symbol in the box. What does this mean?

- The colored symbols communicate work habits to you, especially when reporting on Evidence Toward the Standard.

-  A red circle means your child did not submit his/her work, no score can be given.
-  A yellow clock means your child's work was submitted late. Your child's score was given.
-  An orange circular arrow means your child submitted the work and it needs to be completed and re-submitted. No score was given...yet.
-  a black comment bubble means your teacher left a comment about your student's work.