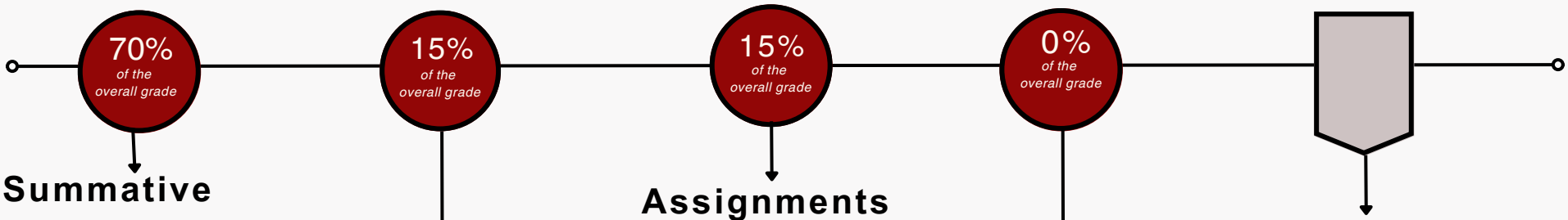
District 115 YORKVILLE

Teaching and Learning

Learning and Grading Plan

Grades 7-8

We believe in promoting a growth mindset and focusing on mastery of learning.



Summative Assessments

Summative assessments measure student mastery of outcomes and skill acquisition at the conclusion of a defined instructional period.

Summative assessments that have not been completed will be marked as not complete (NC)* and need to be resolved between teacher and student.

The last summative assessment of the quarter will be calculated into a student's grade and will be amended based on a retake.

*Failure to resolve a not complete within three weeks will result in a zero for the summative assessment.

Checkpoint Assessments

Checkpoint assessments measure student progress towards mastery of skills.

Teachers provide ongoing feedback to students during the learning process.

Checkpoint assessments do not include retakes.

Assignments

Assignments are purposeful classwork or homework activities to practice concepts, foster academic growth, develop essential skills, and cultivate independent study habits.

Assignments are intended to hold students accountable for academic behaviors.

Students will be able to turn in after the due date, but the assignment will be counted as 50% of the original grade. All assignments turned in after the summative assessment will be given 0%.

Extra credit will not be provided.

Formative Activities

Formative activities monitor student learning.

Students receive ongoing feedback from their teachers during the learning process.

Teachers make instructional decisions based on the student's level of understanding.

Retakes & the Relearn Process

Upon completion of a required relearn process, students are offered 1 retake per summative assessment, with the most recent assessment counted in the grade.

Retakes are recommended for students earning below a 70% on any assessment.

Students must initiate the relearn process within 1 week of the assessment being entered or returned.

Students must complete the retake within 2 weeks from the time the assessment is entered or returned.

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