

**GCBA - GRADING**

The grading system shall be fair and applied consistently in each district school. Grades shall not be assigned in an unreasonable, discriminatory, arbitrary, or capricious manner and shall not be influenced by parental or community pressure. Grades shall reflect students' ability to master educational goals and objectives as established by administration and the teaching staff.

Grading shall be solely based on academic performance. Grades shall be assessed based on student performance on quizzes, tests, oral and written assignments, and daily work.<sup>1</sup>

Administrator shall monitor grading practices in their building to ensure compliance with this policy.

**Grading Grievances**

A student or parent who believes that the student has received a grade that has been assigned in an unreasonable, discriminatory, arbitrary, or capricious manner or that is the result of a clerical mistake may contest the grade using the following procedure:

1. Appeals must be initiated within 30 days of receiving the grade. Failure to present the grievance in accordance with this procedure shall be deemed to be a waiver of the grievance process.
2. Appeals may be filed orally or in writing, must be filed with the student's building principal, and must cite one of the reasons listed above as a basis for the grievance.
3. The Administrator shall initiate an investigation upon receipt of a grievance filed in accordance with the procedure listed above. The principal shall review grading criteria, attendance records, grade books, lesson plans, the student's graded assignments and tests. The Administrator may consult with the classroom teacher and/or the student during this process. Based on the findings, the Administrator shall render a decision within a reasonable time not to extend past the end of the current quarter. The Administrator's decision to affirm or alter a grade shall be final and binding.

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Complementing NDSBA Templates (may contain items not adopted by the Board)

- FFB, Attendance & Absences

**End of Yellowstone Policy GCBA..... Reviewed: 3/16/2026**

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<sup>1</sup> When selecting one of these options, ensure that the choice is consistent with the district's attendance policy.