



Hinsdale Township High School District 86

Grading Information for Students & Families

This is a guide for District 86 students and families to provide an overview of a student's grade ([District Grading Practices](#)) at Hinsdale Central and Hinsdale South High Schools. This short guide is to provide a general overview of information, course specific information can be found in the course syllabus and/or Canvas site.

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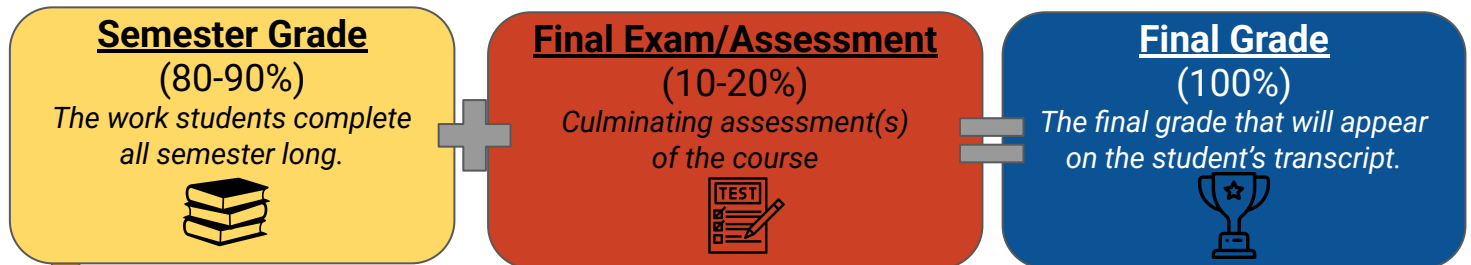
- A grade reflects a student's learning and mastery of course content – not hours worked or effort alone.
- Only the **final grade** appears on the transcript. D86 does not report progress or quarter grades.

Where to Find Grades?

- **Infinite Campus** is the official gradebook. Students can expect grade updates at least every two weeks.
- Caretakers can request a parent account through the school registrar.
- If there are questions about a grade? The **student** should email the teacher directly for clarification.

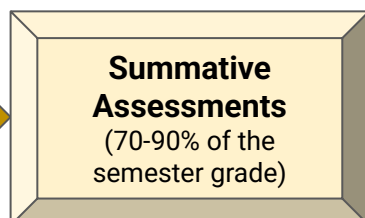


Final Course Grade

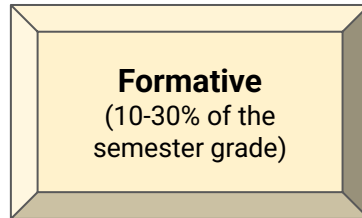


Semester Grade

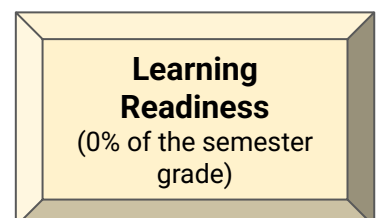
The semester grade is comprised of multiple categories including summative assessments, formative assessments, and learning readiness. Semester grade weights are consistent across buildings for the same course. For example, semester grade weights are the same for Algebra 1 at Central as Algebra 1 at South.



All assignments used to assess a student's mastery of content or skills explicitly taught and linked to course objectives. Examples may include grading for mastery on: Unit Tests, Essays, Projects, Labs, Performances.



Assignments used to prepare students for or reinforce content or skills that will be later measured with a summative assessment. Examples may include, but are not limited to: Homework, Quizzes, Objective Checks, In-class activities & coursework



Some course may choose to use Learning Readiness, which are assignments that communicate a student's preparedness, work habits, and/or skills **without impacting a student's grade**. Examples may include, but are not limited to: Academic behaviors and zero-weight assignments.

Grading Marks & Grading Scale

The following is an overview of the District 86 grading scale and the grading marks that may occur in Infinite Campus.



GRADING MARKS IN INFINITE CAMPUS & WHAT THEY MEAN		
Mark	Percent	Description
A	100-90.0%	A (Excellent): The student has completed all required work and consistently demonstrates advanced mastery of course content, skills, and concepts with high-quality performance.
B	89-80.0%	B (Good): The student has completed most or all work and shows solid understanding of the material and skills, with occasional errors or areas for improvement.
C	79-70.0%	C (Average): The student has completed essential work and shows a basic understanding of the content and skills, but may have gaps in knowledge or inconsistent performance.
D	69-60.0%	D (Below Average): The student has completed some work but shows minimal understanding of key concepts and skills, and struggles to meet expectations.
F	50.0-0%	F (Failing): The student has not completed enough work or does not demonstrate sufficient understanding of the material or skills. Students will earn a minimum of a 50% as long as they completed the assignment fully with a "good faith effort."
M	0%	"Missing" or "M" means the student did not complete the assignment and/or was turned in without following instructions for the assignment (e.g. without a good-faith effort). Student receives zero of the total possible points until completed in alignment with the assignment/course requirements.
DR	Not in grade	"Dropped" means the student was exempted/not required to complete the assignment. The "DR" indicates the grade is not factored into the overall course grade. This grade will be grayed out.
Important Notes: - Teachers are not required to round grades. It is up to each course team and stated in the syllabus. If not stated, grades may NOT be rounded. - District 86 does not assign plus (+) or (-) minus grades. For instance, a B+ is the same GPA as a B or B-. - Stand alone "extra credit" assignments are NOT allowed permitted in D86. - For any questions about Academic Dishonesty, students & families should visit the D86 Student Handbook.		

Reassessment in District 86

Reassessment ([Link to District Reassessment Guidelines](#)) is when a student continues to learn and master the material/skills and completes a "retake." In District 86, every student will have the opportunity to complete a summative reassessment as long as they meet the qualifications (posted below). Final exams can NOT be reassessed. Each building's course-based team (all teachers teaching the same course) will outline their own reassessment policy as stated in the syllabus. Course teams have the ability to determine the format and schedule for all reassessment opportunities.

