



NEW GRADING LAW.

HIGH STANDARDS. **HIGHER IMPACT.**

Important information for OCSD families about changes to grading practices beginning in the
2026–2027 SCHOOL YEAR

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR MY CHILD?



Grades must reflect actual performance.

Teachers must assign grades based on the work your child has actually earned. Minimum grades that are higher than earned work are no longer allowed.



All required assignments must be completed.

Students must complete all required assignments to be eligible for district-approved credit recovery or content recovery opportunities.

WHAT ARE OCSD'S EXPECTATIONS?



WE EXPECT EVERY STUDENT TO:

- ✓ Attend school regularly.
- ✓ Complete and submit all required assignments on time.
- ✓ Participate actively in classroom instruction.
- ✓ Seek help when they need additional support.
- ✓ Take ownership of their learning and academic progress.



WE EXPECT EVERY TEACHER TO:

- ✓ Provide engaging, high-quality instruction aligned to state standards.
- ✓ Give timely and meaningful feedback.
- ✓ Offer opportunities for students to learn from mistakes throughout the learning process.
- ✓ Communicate regularly with students and families regarding academic progress.

WHAT CAN FAMILIES DO?



Monitor grades regularly through the parent portal.



Encourage your child to complete assignments before deadlines.



Communicate with teachers when concerns arise.



Help establish consistent homework and study routines.



Celebrate growth while reinforcing the importance of responsibility and perseverance.



Orangeburg County School District believes that grades should be meaningful, honest, and reflective of student learning. This new law reinforces the importance of accountability while ensuring students have every opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge through quality instruction and timely support.

Our goal is not simply for students to earn passing grades—it is for every student to develop the knowledge, skills, and confidence needed for college, careers, and life.



➤ Thank you for your partnership in your child's education! ➤



HIGHER INTENTIONALITY



HIGHER INTEGRITY



HIGHER IMPACT

TOGETHER, WE RISE. TOGETHER, WE ACHIEVE.