



Understanding Grades in PowerSchool

1 Learning Behavior

How the student **approaches** learning.

One school-wide standard using the EMAN scale.

2 Formative

Learning **activities** that provide practice, feedback and opportunities for growth.

May be shown as 1-7 IB-style 'as if' grades.
Can also receive an EMAN mark.

3 Summative

Assessments that evaluate mastery of course standards.

Always 1-7 grade.

EMAN Scale

E

Exceeding
Expectations

M

Meeting
Expectations

A

Approaching
Expectations

N

Not Yet Meeting
Expectations



What you will see in PowerSchool

Open a student's specific course and select the marking period or semester. You can view all assignments for that period (to the right), plus a summary table (below) showing the student's most recent Learning Behavior, Formative, and Summative marks. [CLICK HERE FOR VIDEO TUTORIAL.](#)

Categories

Assignments fall into three main categories:

Current Standard Grade	Category	Description
E	Learning Behavior	Indicator of how students approach learning - Expectations Legend: (E)xceeding, (M)eeeting, (A)pproaching, (N)ot yet meeting (rubric)
M	Formative	Learning activities that provide practice, feedback, and opportunities for growth - Expectations Legend: (E)xceeding, (M)eeeting, (A)pproaching, (N)ot yet meeting - "As if" Legend: 1 (minimal) - 7 (outstanding) achievement
6	Summative	Assessments that provide evidence of mastery of course standards - Legend: 1 (minimal) - 7 (outstanding) achievement (rubric)

Assignment Details

Due Date	Category	Assessment	Comments	Score	Codes
08/26/2026	Summative	Numbers Unit Test			
	MAT.ALG	Algebra		6	
	*SUM	Summative Standard		6	
08/26/2026	Summative	Numbers Unit Test_1			
	*SUM	Summative Standard		6	
08/24/2026	Learning Behaviour	Aug 31 LB	Comment		
	*LEARN BEH	Learning Behaviour		N	
08/24/2026	Formative	Group Discussion			
	*FORM	Formative Standard		E	
08/24/2026	Formative	Exit Quiz			
	MAT.NUM	Number		6	
08/24/2026	Formative	Project Check-in			
	MAT.ALG	Algebra		5	
	*FORM	Formative Standard		M	
08/24/2026	Summative	test			
	*SUM	Summative Standard			
08/24/2026	Summative	test2			
	*SUM	Summative Standard			

Tip: PowerSchool grades are easiest to view in a web browser.