

## Grades/Evaluation Of Student Achievement

AR 5121(a)

### Students

The Superintendent or designee shall inform teachers of the district's policy regarding grading, including expectations that grades shall be based on factors that directly measure students' knowledge and skills in the content area and shall not include nonacademic factors.

Report cards displaying students' grades in each subject or course shall be distributed to parents/guardians at the end of each grading period. Parents/guardians shall be offered an opportunity to meet with their child's teacher(s) to discuss the grades and strategies to improve their child's performance.

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

Whenever it becomes evident to a teacher that a student is in danger of failing a course, the teacher shall arrange a conference with the student's parent/guardian or send the parent/guardian a written report. (Education Code 49067)

(cf. 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention)

### Grades for Academic Performance

For grades K-3, students' level of progress for each grading period shall be reported as follows:

- O Outstanding
- S Satisfactory
- N Needs Improvement

For grades 4-12, grades for academic performance shall be reported for each grading period as follows:

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|---|-----------|---------------------------|------------------|
| A | (90-100%) | Outstanding Achievement   | 4.0 grade points |
| B | (80-89%)  | Above Average Achievement | 3.0 grade points |
| C | (70-79%)  | Average Achievement       | 2.0 grade points |
| D | (60-69%)  | Below Average Achievement | 1.0 grade points |
| F | (0-59%)   | Little or No Achievement  | 0 grade points   |
| I |           | Incomplete                | 0 grade points   |

An Incomplete shall be given only when a student's work is not finished by the end of the grading period because of illness or other excused absence. If not made up within six weeks, the Incomplete shall become an F.

### **Grades for Physical Education**

No grade of a student participating in a physical education class may be adversely affected due to the fact that the student, because of circumstances beyond his/her control, does not wear standardized physical education apparel. (Education Code 49066)

(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)

### **Grades for Citizenship and Work Habits**

Any grades assigned for citizenship or work habits, such as effort or study skills, shall be reported as follows:

- O Outstanding
- S Satisfactory
- N Needs Improvement

### **Pass/Fail Grading**

The Superintendent or designee may identify courses or programs for which students may, with parent/guardian permission, elect to earn a Pass or Fail grade instead of a letter grade.

Students who receive a Pass grade shall acquire the appropriate semester units of credit for the course. The grade shall not be counted in determining class rank, honors list, or membership in the California Scholarship Federation. Students who receive a Fail grade shall not receive credit for taking the course.

### **Peer Grading**

At their discretion, teachers may use peer grading of student tests, papers, and assignments as appropriate to reinforce lessons.

### **Repeating Classes**

With the approval of the principal or designee, a student may repeat a course in order to raise his/her grade. Both grades received shall be entered on the student's transcript, but the student shall receive credit only once for taking the course. The highest grade received shall be used in determining the student's overall grade point average (GPA).

### **Withdrawal from Classes**

A student who drops a course during the first six weeks of the grading period may do so without any entry on his/her permanent record card. A student who drops a course after the first six weeks of the grading period shall receive an F grade on his/her permanent record, unless

otherwise decided by the principal or designee because of extenuating circumstances.

### **Effect of Absences on Grades**

Teachers who choose to withhold class credit because of excessive unexcused absences shall so inform students and parents/guardians of such a possibility at the beginning of the school year or semester. When a student reaches the number of unexcused absences defined as excessive in Board policy, the student and parent/guardian shall again be notified of the district's policy regarding excessive unexcused absences.

(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)  
(cf. 5113.1 - Chronic Absence and Truancy)

The student and parent/guardian shall have a reasonable opportunity to explain the absences.  
(Education Code 49067)

If a student receives a failing grade because of excessive unexcused absences, the student's record shall specify that the grade was assigned because of excessive unexcused absences.  
(Education Code 49067)

Grades for a student in foster care shall not be lowered if the student is absent for any reason specified in Education Code 49069.5.

(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)

### **Grade Point Average**

The Superintendent or designee shall calculate each student's GPA using the grade point assigned to each letter grade in accordance with the scale described in the section "Grades for Academic Performance" above. The grade points for all applicable coursework shall be totaled and divided by the number of courses completed. Pass/Fail grades shall not be included in the determination of a student's GPA.

(cf. 5126 - Awards for Achievement)  
(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)