

GRADING POLICY

The grades assigned to students are based on their **academic progress** and their **classroom behavior**. Accordingly, students receive **Academic** and **Cooperation** grades for every quarter of the four-quarter academic year. Students also receive a mid-term progress report for each of these 9-10 weeklong quarters.

Besides the quarter grades, students in grades 6-12 are assigned semester grades for each class/course. These grades are computed based both on their quarter grades and the results of their mid-year or final exam grades. Mid-year or final exams are administered to students in grades 6-12 only.

Students in grades 6-12 are also assigned **Citizenship grades** that reflect their overall disciplinary behavior in the school in general. **Class ranking** is computed for graduating senior students only and it is based solely on students' academic grades.

Academic Grade

The following grading scale is applicable to grades K-5.

Academic Grade Scale K-5			
Letter Grade	Scale of 100	Scale of 4	
A+	100-97	4.3	Exceeds grade level standards
A	96-93	4.0	
A-	92-90	3.7	
B+	89-87	3.3	Meets grade level standards
B	86-83	3.0	
B-	82-80	2.7	
C+	79-77	2.3	Partially meets grade level standards
C	76-73	2.0	
C-	72-70	1.7	
D+	69-67	1.3	Below grade level standards
D	66-63	1.0	
D-	62-60	0.7	
F	59-0	0	Fail

The following grading scale is applicable to grades 6-12.

Academic Grade Scale 6-12								
Letter Grade	Scale of 100	Scale of 4	Weighted Grade		Letter Grade	Scale of 100	Scale of 4	Weighted Grade
A+	99	4.3	5.3		C+	77	2.1	3.1
A+	98	4.2	5.2		C	76	2.0	3.0
A+	97	4.1	5.1		C	75	1.9	2.9
A	96	4.0	5.0		C	74	1.8	2.8
A	95	3.9	4.9		C	73	1.7	2.7
A	94	3.8	4.8		C-	72	1.6	2.6
A	93	3.7	4.7		C-	71	1.5	2.5
A-	92	3.6	4.6		C-	70	1.4	2.4
A-	91	3.5	4.5		D+	69	1.3	1.3
A-	90	3.4	4.4		D+	68	1.2	1.2
B+	89	3.3	4.3		D+	67	1.1	1.1
B+	88	3.2	4.2		D	66	1.0	1.0
B+	87	3.1	4.1		D	65	0.9	0.9
B	86	3.0	4.0		D	64	0.8	0.8
B	85	2.9	3.9		D	63	0.7	0.7
B	84	2.8	3.8		D-	62	0.6	0.6
B	83	2.7	3.7		D-	61	0.5	0.5
B-	82	2.6	3.6		D-	60	0.4	0.4
B-	81	2.5	3.5		F	59	0.3	0.3
B-	80	2.4	3.4		F	58	0.2	0.2
C+	79	2.3	3.3		F	57	0.1	0.1
C+	78	2.2	3.2		F	0-56	0.0	0.0

Quarter Grade

A quarterly grade is assigned based on the following minimum requirements:

Quarter Grade	
Tests and quizzes	70 % or more
Projects, labs, etc.	10 % or more
Homework assignments	10 % or more
Class participation	10 % or more

Semester Grade

The semester grade determines whether a student passes or fails a class/course. High school students who fail a course in the first semester must make up that semester course even if they pass the second semester. The percent distribution of each semester grade is as follows:

1 st Semester Grade		2 nd Semester Grade	
1st Quarter grade	40%	3rd Quarter grade	40%
2nd Quarter grade	40%	4th Quarter grade	40%
Mid-year exam grade	20%	Mid-year exam grade	20%

Total course grade	100%	Total course grade	100%
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Grade Point Average

The Grade Point Average (GPA) is calculated for grades 6-12 at the end of each quarter and semester on a 4.00 scale computed to two decimal places, rounded up to the nearest hundredth.

Students in Advanced, Honors or AP courses, earn one whole grade point that reflects on a student's report card. The additional weight given to Ferrahian-designated Advanced courses are not honored by UC/CSU systems. Only Honors and AP courses are given additional weight by UC/CSU systems.

The GPA reflects grades of all courses except Physical Education (PE).

Grading Policy for Concurrent Courses

Only courses taken for high school credit are reported on the student's transcripts. The new grade obtained for the repeated course will be reported on the report card and the values of both grades will be taken into consideration while calculating the GPA and the subsequent overall class ranking level. Grades for repeated courses in which the student initially earned a "C" or better will not be used without the prior approval of the Principal.

Please note that a student should take on the responsibility to report the grades for courses taken for **college credit** purposes to the university/college he/she plans to attend.

Cooperation Grade

The Cooperation Grade reflects a student's classroom behavior and work habits in the classroom. Therefore, the Cooperation Grade is assigned based on the number of violations committed relative to "Classroom Rules" section of this handbook.

Citizenship Grade

The Citizenship grade represents a student's behavior throughout the school. Therefore, the Citizenship Grade is assigned based on the frequency of infractions pertaining to "School-Wide Rules" and "Violent Acts" sections of this handbook.

The Citizenship Grade is assigned as follows:

- The student begins with an A+ Citizenship grade.
- For each behavioral detention received for violating the "School-Wide Rules" the Citizenship grade of a student is lowered by ONE WHOLE letter grade.
- For each one-day suspension received for violating the "School-Wide Rules" the Citizenship grade of a student will be lowered by TWO WHOLE letter grades.

Class Ranking

- For school internal purposes, the final ranking for juniors and seniors is based on their weighted cumulative GPA in grades 9-12.
- For FAFSA, Cal Grant and College applications the High School GPA includes all coursework for the sophomore year (10th grade), the summer following the sophomore year, the junior year (11th grade) and the summer following the junior year.

Grade Adjustment

The report card grades assigned to students are final. In the event a grade is in dispute, a student must petition the teacher and upon the approval and consent of the Principal, the grade may be adjusted.

Report cards and progress reports

Report cards and progress reports for grades 6-12 are mailed home and students in grades 1-5 take them home. Parents of the latter must sign both cards and return to their respective homeroom teachers in due time.