

24-25 GRADING POLICY

Grading Policy Overview

2024-2025

The Kansas City Public Schools grading policy updates are designed to advance equity in our grading practices across the district to promote student progress and success. Grades should serve to inform and guide teaching and learning and should not inadvertently punish or label students. Key updates were made to the current grading policy at the conclusion of the pilot implementation during the 23-24 school year. We will continue to engage our students, staff and families to share information and gather feedback. The grading policy overview includes: Grading Categories, Grading Scales, and Grading Codes included in the 24-25 KCPS Grading Policy.

Grading Categories

Student grades are comprised of the following weighted category of assignments:

- **Student Engagement - 10% of total grade**
 - Homework
 - Class Discussions/Participation
 - Group Work
 - Notebook Checks
- **Student Progress (Checks for Understanding) - 40% of total grade**
 - Classroom Assignments
 - Periodic Checks of Journals/Logs/Exit Tickets
- **Student Proficiency - 50% of total grade**
 - Projects/Labs/Career and Technical Education (CTE) shop activities
 - Quizzes (chapter & unit)
 - Assessments (chapter, units, quarter & semester)
 - Written/ Video Reports
 - Presentations

Grading Scales:

Elementary (K - 1) & Montessori (CH - UE)

Each assignment is graded on a 4 point system using the following criteria:

4 - I can show others how to do this

3 - I can do this all by myself (Students can perform the skill independently.)

2 - I need more practice (Students can perform the skill but needs more practice to be independent.)

1- I need help (Students cannot perform the skill without assistance.)

NI - Not yet introduced

Non-Montessori Grading Scale (2nd-12th)

A = 90 - 100

B = 80 - 89

C = 70 - 79

D = 60 - 69

F = 40* - 59

*Attempted assignments should receive the minimum equivalent of 40%. Missing assignments should receive a zero.

**Middle Years Program (MYP) /Honors /International Baccalaureate (IB) /Advanced Placement (AP)
Courses Grading Scale (6th - 12th)**

A = 90 - 100

B = 80 - 89

C = 70 - 79

D = 60 - 69

F = 0 - 59

Grading Codes:

There are times when students and parents will see a grading code instead of a numerical grade. The following table describes what each code means and how it affects student grades.

M	Missing	An assignment is missing and is not exempt.
L	Late	An assignment has been submitted after the due date.
I	Incomplete	An assignment has been submitted that was not complete.
Ch	Cheating	An assignment has been submitted that involves academic dishonesty.
X	Exempt	An assignment that will not factor into the student's overall grade.