

**East Greenwich Township
School District
District Grading Policy
2025-2026**

What makes up a trimester grade?

A **trimester** grade is composed of graded work recorded in Realtime™ from the following three categories: Primary Assessments, Secondary Assessments, Supportive Assessments.

How are grades assigned in Grades 1-6?

| Grade | Numerical Band |
|-------|----------------|
| A | 92-100 |
| B | 83-91 |
| C | 74-82 |
| D | 65-73 |
| F | 0-64 |

How much weight is assigned to each grading category in Grades 1-6?

English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies

| | Grades 5, 6 | Grades 1, 2, 3, 4 |
|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Primary Assessments | 50% | 45% |
| Secondary Assessments | 35% | 35% |
| Supportive Assessments | 15% | 20% |
| Total Assessments | 100% | 100% |

In grades 1-6, how many grades are required for each grading category and what types of assignments are found in each category?

| Category | Rationale and Sample | Minimum Requirements |
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| Summative/ Primary Assessments | Purpose: Summative assessments evaluate mastery/comprehension of a period of instruction. Examples Grades B-6: Tests (ex. chapter tests, unit tests, ELA content assessments, ELA cold read assessments), writing assignments, performance-based assessments (ex.: Math in Action), major projects (school- based), extensive labs | <u>Grades B-4</u> English Language Arts - minimum of 4 Math minimum of 3 Science minimum of 2 Social Studies minimum of 2 |
| | | <u>Grades 5-6</u> English Language Arts minimum of 4 Math minimum of 3 Science minimum of 4 Social Studies minimum of 4 |
| Formative/ Secondary Assessments | Purpose: Secondary assessments provide formative or ongoing assessment to guide instruction. Examples Grades B-6: Quizzes (ex. ELA Target Tasks in grades 2-4), graded practice, STEAM lesson rubric, minor written responses, journal entries, outlines, smaller home-based projects | <u>Grades B-4</u> English Language Arts minimum of 4 Math minimum of 4 Science minimum of 3 Social Studies minimum of 3 |
| | | <u>Grades 5-6</u> English Language Arts minimum of 4 Math minimum of 4 Science minimum of 4 |
| Practice/ Supportive Assessments | Purpose: Supportive assessments reinforce instruction with practice opportunities. Examples Grades B-6: Homework, guided practice (ex.: target tasks in grades B-1), spelling quizzes in grades 3-4, center work, binder/notebook checks | <u>Grades B-4</u> English Language Arts minimum of 6 Math minimum of 6 Science minimum of 4 Social Studies minimum of 4 |
| | | <u>Grades 5-6</u> English Language Arts minimum of 10 Math minimum of 10 Science minimum of 6 Social Studies minimum of 6 |

What are the procedures for primary assessments?

- Primary assessments will be spread throughout the trimester.
- At least one primary assessment will be graded and added to the grade book prior to mid-trimester.
- One week notification will be given to parents & students for primary assessments.
- Primary assessments will be similar or the same by grade/subject.
- Science and Social Studies study guides will be provided to students one week prior to a primary assessment. Parents should ask to see this study guide should they desire to help their child study for the assessment.

A primary assessment grade will only be assigned after an item analysis is conducted. Should a question be incorrectly answered by more than 50% or more of the students, that item will count towards the assigned grade, but will be re-taught and be a tested item again on the next assessment. Students will be notified of such items when the corrected test is given back.

All projects and writing assessments will be graded with a rubric. Students and parents will have access to the rubric.

Students' writing pieces will be sent home for your review. Please sign and return the writing piece to school. All writing pieces will be kept in school until the end of the year, when your child will select 4 pieces for his or her portfolio. All other pieces will be sent home at the end of the year.

The lowest possible grade reported is a "50" unless a child is found to be cheating or no attempt is made to complete assignments/assessments.

- If a grade is calculated below a 50, (although not recorded in gradebook,) the teacher will contact the parent. If a child is caught cheating or no attempt is made to complete an assignment or assessment, the parent will also be contacted.

At the end of each trimester, Honor Roll is calculated in grades 3-6. English Language Arts,

Math, Science and Social Studies averages are used in Honor Roll calculations; special area grades are not included in the calculation. Students may earn Superintendent's List (A averages) or Principal's List (A and B averages).

How are grades assigned in Beginners and Special Areas?

In Beginners and Special Areas (Art, Library, Music, Physical Education, World Language), a standards based report card is used.

| Grade | Meaning | Numerical Band |
|-------|--------------------------|----------------|
| M | Masters the Standard | 92-100 |
| W | Working Towards Standard | 74-91 |
| N | Not Meeting Standard | 0-73 |

In Beginners, how are students' grades determined for English Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies?

Our Beginner students receive a standards-based report card. Each subject area, English Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies, will contain a list of skills and standards, and students will receive a grade to reflect his or her progress on each skill.

In Special Areas, how are students' grades determined?

Students receive trimester grades only. Students' trimester grades are based on a trimester rubric which incorporates skills and effort. Portfolios consisting of a compilation of work for each student serve as the baseline for the assignment of the grade.