

East Greenwich School District
District Grading Policy
2019-2020

What makes up a trimester grade?

A **trimester** grade is composed of a graded work recorded in Realtime™ from the following three categories:

- Primary Assessments
- Secondary Assessments
- Supportive Assessments

How much weight is given for each grading component?

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%
<u>Supportive Assessments</u>	<u>15%</u>	<u>20%</u>
Total Assessments	100%	100%

Category	Rationale and Sample	Requirements
Summative/ Primary Assessments	<p>Purpose: Summative assessments to evaluate mastery/comprehension</p> <p>Examples Grades B: Unit assessments, tests, performance based assessments, major projects (school based), extensive labs,</p> <p>Examples Grades 1-6: Unit assessments, performance based assessments, tests, major projects (school-based), extensive labs</p>	<p>Grades B-4 English Language Arts- minimum of 4 Math minimum of 4 Science minimum of 2 Social Studies minimum of 2</p>
		<p>Grades 5-6 English Language Arts minimum of 4 Math minimum of 4 Science minimum of 4 Social Studies minimum of 4</p>
Formative/ Secondary Assessments	<p>Purpose: ongoing or formative assessments to guide instruction.</p> <p>Examples Grades B: Quizzes, graded practice, smaller labs, minor written responses, journal entries, outlines, smaller home-based projects, spelling quizzes, timed math facts quizzes</p> <p>Examples Grades 1-6: Quizzes, graded practice, smaller labs, minor writing responses, journal entries, outlines, projects, essential question journals, timed math facts</p>	<p>Grades B-4 English Language Arts minimum of 5 Math minimum of 5 Science minimum of 3 Social Studies minimum of 3</p>
		<p>Grades 5-6 English Language Arts minimum of 5 Math minimum of 5 Science minimum of 5 Social Studies minimum of 5</p>
Practice/ Supportive Assessments	<p>Purpose: to reinforce instruction and facilitate comprehension.</p> <p>Examples Grades B: Homework, guided practice, outlines, center work, binder checks/notebook checks</p> <p>Examples Grades 1-6: Homework, guided practice, outlines, center work, binder checks/notebook checks, and home-based projects</p>	<p>Grades B-4 English Language Arts minimum of 6 Math minimum of 6 Science minimum of 4 Social Studies minimum of 4</p>
		<p>Grades 5-6 English Language Arts minimum of 10 Math minimum of 10 Science minimum of 6 Social Studies minimum of 6</p>

*Students' writing progress will be shared by their teacher in a student portfolio that will be sent home at the end of every trimester. Writing rubrics will be included with assignments; however, you may request a copy of the rubric from your child's teacher at any time.

Study guides will be given to students a minimum of one week prior to primary assessments with the exception of English Language Arts as a study guide may not be appropriate for these subjects. Parents should ask to see this study guide should they desire to help their child study for the assessment.

Traditional

1st – 6 th Grade Report Card Symbols	
A	92 +
B	83 - 91
C	74 - 82
D	65 - 73
F	0 - 64

Standards Based

Beginners & Related Arts	
M	92+
W	74-91
N	73-Below

Grades that are reported on a Standards Based Report Card (letter grades) are:

- M = Masters the standard
- W = Working towards standard
- N = Not meeting standards

- Standards-based report cards measure mastery at a given point of time, not an average grade.

Notes Regarding District Grading Policy

Primary & Secondary Assessments will be spread out throughout the trimester.

- One week notification to parents & students for primary assessments
- At least one primary assessment will be given seven days prior to mid-trimester

Primary & Secondary Assessments to be similar or same by grade/subject

A grade of a primary assessment 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 authentic assessments will be graded with a rubric. Students and parents will have access to the rubric.

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.

Standard grading symbols 0, 50-100 are the only gradebook symbols to be used except for Beginners and Related Arts.

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).

Related arts grading:

- M – Masters the standards
- W – Working towards standards
- N – Not meeting standard

Portfolios consisting of a compilation of work for each student will be kept to serve as the baseline for the assignment of a grade

- Please reference grading policy for standard and rubric expectations
- Related arts teachers will not use the gradebook but rather only use comment codes for interim reports and will manually assign a final grade based on placement on the rubric.

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