

East Greenwich School District
District Grading Policy
2021-2022

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, writing assignments, performance based assessments, major projects (school based), extensive labs,</p> <p>Examples Grades 1-6: Unit assessments, writing assignments, 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 pieces will be sent home for your review. Please sign the folder 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 2 pieces for his or her portfolio. All other pieces will be sent home at the end of the year.

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.

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

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 will be given to parents & students for primary assessments
- At least one primary assessment will be given seven days prior to mid-trimester
- Primary & Secondary assessments will be similar or the 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.

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.

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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