



Grade Calculation Policy

Elementary Schools Grades 3-5 will use the following:

- Weighting: 50% Major Grades and 50% Minor Grades; requiring the use of categorical weights in PowerSchool rather than Total Points.
- Major Grades will consist of Tests and Projects.
- Minor Grades will consist of quizzes and classwork. Homework is strongly encouraged, but should not be assessed for a grade.
- MAP, Fountas and Pinnell, and DRA2 Assessments are formative and should never be used in grade calculations.
- Grades should be updated and posted weekly. At least one grade per subject should be posted weekly.
- Per 9 weeks, a minimum of:

English/Language Arts	3 Major Grades 6 Minor Grades 9 Grades Total
Mathematics	3 Major Grades 6 Minor Grades 9 Grades Total
Science:	2 Major Grades 7 Minor Grades 9 Grades Total
Social Studies:	2 Major Grades 7 Minor Grades 9 Grades Total

Middle and High Schools will use the following:

- Weighting: 50% Major Grades/50% Minor Grades per quarter; requiring the use of categorical weights in PowerSchool rather than Total Points.
- Major Grades will consist of Tests and Projects.
- Minor Grades will consist of quizzes, classwork and homework. Specifically, quizzes will count 25%, while classwork and homework will count the other 25%.
- Grades should be updated and posted weekly. At least one grade per subject should be posted weekly for middle school courses and at least two grades per subject should be posted weekly for high school courses.
- Grades should not be given for behavior; however, participation can be assessed as a minor grade.
- MAP and Fountas and Pinnell Assessments are formative and should never be used in grade calculations.

- For Middle Schools, the minimum number of grades posted in a nine week period in all subjects is 12; a minimum of four of the grades being major grades. For courses that meet every other day, the expected number of grades posted in a nine week period will be 6; a minimum of 2 grades being major grades.

English/Language Arts	4 Major Grades 8 Minor Grades 12 Grades Total
Mathematics	4 Major Grades 8 Minor Grades 12 Grades Total
Science:	4 Major Grades 8 Minor Grades 12 Grades Total
Social Studies:	4 Major Grades 8 Minor Grades 12 Grades Total

- For all middle school Honors courses that require students to take an End-of-Course exam, it is a requirement by law that a student's EOCEP score accounts for 20% of the student's overall grade in the course. As a result, term weights in PowerSchool should be set up using the following:

<u>Final Grade</u>
Semester 1: 40% (Quarter 1: 20%; Quarter 2: 20%)
Semester 2: 40% (Quarter 3: 20%; Quarter 4: 20%)
EOCEP: 20%

- For High Schools, the minimum number of grades posted in a nine week period in all subjects is 18; a minimum of four of the grades being major grades

English/Language Arts	4 Major Grades 14 Minor Grades 18 Grades Total
Mathematics	4 Major Grades 14 Minor Grades 18 Grades Total
Science:	4 Major Grades 14 Minor Grades 18 Grades Total
Social Studies:	4 Major Grades 14 Minor Grades 18 Grades Total

- For all high school courses that require students to take an End-of-Course exam, it is a requirement by law that a student's EOCEP score accounts for 20% of the student's overall grade in the course. As a result, term weights in PowerSchool should be set up using one of the following situations, depending on when the course is scheduled:

<u>Semester 1</u>	<u>Semester 2</u>
Quarter 1: 40%	Quarter 3: 40%
Quarter 2: 40%	Quarter 4: 40%
EOCEP: 20%	EOCEP: 20%

CCSD Grading Scale:

Under South Carolina's uniform grading scale, an A is 90-100; a B is 80-89; a C is 70-79; and a D is 60-69. Anything below 60 is an F.