

Unity School District - Board of Education

Board Policy **Administrative Rule 345.12**

Middle School Grading Policy

Last Revised 5/11/2021

Middle School Grading Scale: *(to be included in Student Handbook)

- A 100-94 – Exceptional**
- A- 93-90**
- B+ 89-87**
- B 86-83 – Above Average**
- B- 82-80**
- C+ 79-77**
- C 76-73 – Average**
- C- 72-70**
- D+ 69-67**
- D 66-65 – Below Average**
- I 64- Incomplete**

- ✓ Any grade less than a 'C' is not acceptable at Unity Middle School.
- ✓ A grade of a 'D' or an 'I' will require the student to complete any outstanding work within 2 weeks of earning the trimester grade.
- ✓ If a student does not complete all work within 2 weeks of earning the trimester grade, the student may be required to attend summer school.
- ✓ Students with an 'I' at mid trimester may receive additional support. Communication will be given to parents regarding the inadequate progress.
- ✓ Students with an 'I' or 'D' for a trimester grade may be ineligible for athletic and co-curricular activities as defined by the Unity Middle School Activity Code.

Middle School Grading Guidelines:

1. A floor score of '50' of the total points for an assignment exists for all completed work except tests and quizzes. Work completed and of good quality will retain a score of 50.
2. A teacher may assign a modified or alternative assignment for any incomplete work. The teacher will do so considering the time frame, ability of the student, nature of the assignment, and parent feedback.
3. Unannounced "Pop" Quizzes are not to be included in the grading of students.
4. Homework will not be assigned over the weekend. This does not include incomplete work.
5. Homework should never be used as a punishment.
6. Homework is to be assigned in small, manageable increments.
7. Homework should not be used to introduce new information/concepts.
8. A student's grade will be computed using a "total points method." Students and families are encouraged to keep running totals of their grade.
9. In the computation of grades, homework will not make up more than 20% of the student's final quarter grade, or less than 10%.
10. Grade books should be updated as frequently as possible to provide the student and parents with the most recent information regarding the academic progress of the student.
11. One assignment will not be the basis of passing or not passing the course.

12. Students are not to be graded on a bell curved grading scale.
13. Students who display mastery of skills can be given alternative assignments based on the district acceleration policy.
14. Grade reports provide for teachers to give students continual feedback on the quality of work as it relates to course objectives, including confidentially posting student grades in the classroom.
15. All assignments, tests, quizzes, etc. should be evaluated, returned promptly, and reviewed with students before the next related test is administered.
16. Electronic grade books should be updated within five days of each assignment, per the district employee handbook, to provide the student and parents with the most recent information regarding the academic progress of the student.
17. Teachers will avail themselves to students who have questions about their grades.

Definition of Terms:

- Home work – Student work that is designed to be completed at home or out of school.
- Class work – Student work that is designed to be completed in class or during the school day.
- School work – General term that relates to any work done by a student for educational purposes.