

GRADING

Student report cards will be visible online through the Parent Portal, unless parent requests a paper copy to be mailed home. For the 1st quarter only, paper copies will be provided at conferences or sent home with students. Parents are encouraged to check the Parent Portal regularly to keep updated on student progress. Teachers will update student grades weekly. Quarterly Academic grades used will be:

A.....Excellent (90-100)
B.....Above Average (80-89)
C.....Average (70-79)
D.....Below Average (60-69)
F.....Failure (Below 60)
PPassing (Above 60)
I.....Incomplete
M.....Missing

*Quarterly grades will be based a combination of students performance (60%) and practice (40%) work

*An incomplete will be given for work missed during an absence, prior to the passage of the 2-day make-up time. An "I" will become an "M" if work is not made up in the time allotted for the number of days absent.

Practice (**40%**) grades will include a combination of in class work, participation, and homework. Practice grades will be visible in the Parent Portal as a percentage (%) grade. The exact make-up and how much weight is based on each will be different by class type. *For example: PE classes will place a larger emphasis on participation, and less on homework, than will a core area class.

There is a standard, school-wide, consequence for completing practice late. Practice work that is not completed by the date due will be assessed a 10% penalty if completed within a week of the due date and a 20% penalty if completed more than a week after the date it is originally due. **For example: a rough draft homework assignment is due in Language Arts class and it is turned in 10 days late, the assignment was originally worth 20 points, after grading the assignment the earned grade is 18 out of 20, however since it was more than one week late a 20% penalty will be assessed, meaning the highest grade possible is 16 out of 20 (20 points minus 20% penalty). Therefore the actual score given on the assignment will be 14 out of 20 – for a grade of 70%.

A students' practice grade will be used to determine eligibility for athletics and activities. Students who have an "F" will not be allowed to participate in games, meets, and contests the following week. Grade checks will be conducted weekly.

Performance (**60%**) grades will be assessed based on IB criteria for each of the eight required areas of study. You will see the criteria on the report card, which will be reported on a 0- 8 rubrics. Not all criteria will be evaluated each quarter.

Performance grades are standards-based and meant to evaluate student performance in relation to the standard/criteria. A students' performance grade will not be penalized by completing it late, work will be assessed based on mastery of the standard criteria as it relates to the rubric. There are assignments, at times, that teachers will give both a performance and practice grade for the same assignment. In general IB criteria converts as described below:

8 – 95 or above 7 – 90 or above 6 – 85 or above 5 – 80 or above 4 – 75 or above 3 – 70 or above 2 – 65 or above 1 – 60 or above 0 – Never completed or 59 and below

*In the Parent Portal, you will often see two grades for an assessment/project, a letter (percentage) grade and an IB criteria score (0-8). Since criteria scores are based on what a student has achieved/mastered, it is possible to score a 7 or 8 and still get a B or C letter grade. A student in this situation is likely not performing as expected on the formative portion (class work, participation, homework)

Parent-Teacher conferences will be formally held twice a year. You are encouraged to attend conferences and meet with your child's teachers to get firsthand knowledge of their progress. However, you are encouraged to call or email your child's teachers at any time. Anytime you make a phone call or send an email to Horizon staff, you will always receive a reply within 24 hours.