



Grade Calculation Policy

Elementary Schools Grades 3-5 will use the following:

- Weighting: 55% major grades and 45% 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, homework, and classwork
- **No grade lower than a 50 will be assigned to assignments, projects, quizzes, tests, interim reports or report cards.**
- Homework is considered daily practice. It should not be used for a grade.
- MAP and Fountas & Pinnell 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:

Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Major Grades • 6 Minor Grades • 9 Grades Total
Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Major Grades • 6 Minor Grades • 9 Grades Total
Science:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Major Grades • 7 Minor Grades • 9 Grades Total
Social Studies:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Major Grades • 7 Minor Grades • 9 Grades Total
Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Major Grades [1 TDA and 1 other writing piece (rubric assessed)] • 3 Minor Grades • 5 Grades Total

Middle and High Schools will use the following:

- Weighting: 60% major grades/40% 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, homework, and classwork.**
- **Homework is considered daily practice. If graded, homework should not count more than 10% of the grade.**
- 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 (class/daily work) can be assessed as a minor grade
- **No grade lower than 50 shall be assigned at end of grading period during the first half of course. At the end of the second half of the course, the student shall receive a true grade.**
- MAP 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 Major Grades • 8 Minor Grades • 12 Grades Total
Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 Major Grades • 8 Minor Grades • 12 Grades Total
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 Major Grades • 8 Minor Grades • 12 Grades Total
Social Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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:

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

- For middle school courses that do not require an End-of-Course exam, the weights in PowerSchool should be set up using the following:

Final Grade
Semester 1: 45% (Quarter 1: 22.5%; Quarter 2: 22.5%)
Semester 2: 45% (Quarter 3: 22.5%; Quarter 4: 22.5%)
Final Exam: 10%

- 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 Major Grades 14 Minor Grades 18 Grades Total
Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 Major Grades 14 Minor Grades 18 Grades Total
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 Major Grades 14 Minor Grades 18 Grades Total
Social Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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%

- For high school courses that do not require students to take an End-of-Course exam, the exam score will account for 10% 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: 45%	Quarter 3: 45%
Quarter 2: 45%	Quarter 4: 45%
Final Exam: 10%	Final Exam: 10%

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.

CCSD Exam Exemption Policy:

- Seniors:** Must have an 80 average with 6 or less lawful absences in a 1-unit course, 3 or less lawful absences in a ½-unit course. OSS days do not count as lawful absences for exam exemption. No unexcused absences will be allowed. No underclass students may exempt an exam, with the exception of Junior Marshals during the second semester of the junior year only. Junior Marshals must participate in all required Junior Marshal activities to be eligible for exam exemption.