**MISD GRADING SYSTEM FOR GRADES 7-8**

The district middle schools use a weighted numerical grading system.\* The following chart reflects the MISD grading system for grades 7-8:

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| **A** | **90-100** |
| **B** | **80-89** |
| **C** | **70-79** |
| **F** | **Below 70** |

An “Incomplete” (I) reflects incomplete student work and is not considered an academic grade.

\*See MISD Board Policy EIC (LOCAL).

**GRADING PRACTICES**

Six weeks grades shall be obtained by averaging student work as detailed below for middle school courses and courses taken for high school credit. Daily assignments may count more than once, but no more than twice. MISD Curriculum Based Assessments (CBAs) are calculated as part of the daily category.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL COURSES - Six Week Grade Cycle**

The following grading guidelines apply to all middle school courses except courses taken for high school credit. (See “Courses Taken For High School Credit” below.)

* 40% - Major Grades (tests, projects, lengthy assignments, etc.)
* 60% - Daily Work (classwork, labs, homework, quizzes, CBAs, etc.)

**COURSES TAKEN FOR HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT - Six Week Grade Cycle**

Per MISD EIC (LOCAL), all numerical grades earned in high school credit courses shall be used to compute a student’s high school grade point average (GPA). MISD high school grading guidelines apply to the following courses middle school students may take for high school credit.

**Pre-AP Algebra 1**

* 60% - Major Grades (tests, projects, lengthy assignments, etc.)
* 30% - Quiz
* 10% - Daily Work (classwork, labs, homework, Curriculum Based Assessments, etc.)

**Spanish I, PAP Spanish, AP Spanish**

* 40% - Tests/Major Grades
* 25% - Daily Work (classwork, labs, homework, Curriculum Based Assessments, etc.)
* 35% - Speaking/Listening

**Electives (Gateway to Technology; Health; Keyboarding; Professional Communications)**

* 40% - Major Grades (tests, projects, lengthy assignments, etc.)
* 60% - Daily Work

**NUMBER OF GRADES EACH SIX WEEKS**

* All Classes: 10 grades (minimum)
* All Classes: 2 grades (minimum) per each grading category
* Daily work category: 2 grades (minimum) in addition to the CBA grade

**SEMESTER GRADES**

Semester grades are computed for each course by averaging the numerical grades recorded for each of the three six week reporting periods and the course semester exam. Credit is awarded at the end of each course with a grade of 70 or better.

* **Middle school courses**
  + Each semester:
    - Each six weeks = 30%
    - Semester Exam = 10%
* **Courses taken for high school credit**
  + Semesters One and Two:
    - First and Fourth Six Weeks = 26% each
    - Second, Third, Fifth, and Sixth Six Weeks = 27% each
    - Semester Exam: 20%

**SEMESTER EXAMS**

Exams are given at the end of each semester. Neither mid-term nor final exams are given early. If a student is absent on the day of an exam he/she will take the exam at a school designated time and date. A student is expected to contact the course teacher to schedule a make-up time for a **first semester exam** missed because of student absence. A student is expected to contact the school counseling department to schedule a make-up time for any **second semester exam** missed because of student absence.

**LATE WORK**

Students may be assessed a penalty of no more than 15 points per day for up to three days before a zero may be given for work not turned in on time.

**STUDENT WORK**

The amount of time needed to complete assignments may vary with each student’s study habits, academic skills and selected course load. This includes major projects such as research reports, book reports, major essays, and other assignments teachers designate as major projects.

**POSTING STUDENT WORK**

Student grades will be posted in Skyward parent portal within five business days for daily grades and major grades. Special consideration is given to major projects, including lengthy writing assignments.

**MAJOR GRADE RETAKES OR CORRECTIONS**

* Students who fail a major grade (below 70%) will be allowed to retake or correct it up to a 70% grade. This does not include semester examinations.
* Students are expected to make arrangements with the teacher to retake or correct a major grade.
* Students are encouraged to participate in tutoring opportunities before retaking a test.
* Each teacher will communicate routine requirements for retakes and corrections in his/her course syllabus.
* All retakes or corrections must be completed prior to the end of each six week grading period unless the student is afforded time, after the six week grading period, as a result of the district’s absent/make-up guidelines.
* See UIL Eligibility (“No Pass/No Play”) guidelines for additional information related to grades and UIL Eligibility.

**WEIGHTED CREDIT**

* The District uses a weighted numerical grading system for eligible courses. At the middle school level, MISD courses eligible for weighted credit are Pre-AP Algebra I, Pre-AP Spanish, and Advanced Placement Spanish. All other courses shall not receive weighted points for completion.
* All numerical grades earned in high school credit courses, including high school credit courses taken in middle schools, shall be used to compute a student’s high school GPA.
* In calculating the student’s high school grade point average (GPA), ten points shall be added to the student’s average for courses eligible for weighted credit. No weighted credit shall be added for grades lower than 70.
* Weighted grading shall be reflected in the student’s high school GPA and not numerically per course on either the student’s report card or transcript.
* See MISD Board Policy EIC (LOCAL).

**UIL ELIGIBILITY (“No Pass/No Play”)**

* Semester grades are computed by averaging the numerical grades recorded for each of the three six week reporting periods.
* Each six week grading period will stand alone for eligibility purposes.
* A student who is declared academically ineligible after a six week grading period will be able to regain eligibility if all of the student’s subsequent three week grades are 70% or higher.
* See MISD Board Policy FM (LOCAL) – exempt courses.