

Standards Based Grading System:

In all courses at Highlands Middle School, students are being assessed on their knowledge of learning standards. The purpose of this shift in grading is to assure that all grades are consistent, fair, aligned to state standards and communicates clearly to parents what the student understands. All courses use a four point scale to help communicate how well the student understands the learning standard. Below is the grading scale:

Grading Scale

4 = A	Exceeds Standard Met
3.5	
3 = B	Meets Standard
2.5	
2.0 = C	Approaching Standard
1.5	
1.0 = D	Begin Meeting Standard
.5	
0 = F	No Mastery of Standard

Teachers will be inputting three types of assignments into Power School. They are practice, formative assessments and assessments. Assessments are the only category that will have point values and is 100% of the students' grade. Practice and formative assessments are given an S/U grade. This will help communicate if your student is turning in homework, participating in classroom activities and practice opportunities.

Each class will be giving a citizenship grade. The purpose of this grade is to communicate various behaviors the teacher is seeing in class that is helping/hurting the academic learning. The citizenship grade will be an S or U.

Citizenship (S) = Student is prepared to learn, participates in activities, follows expectations, completes work on time

Citizenship (U) = Does not follow any of the above consistently.

****Students not meeting standards on assessments will be given additional instruction and opportunity to show mastery up to three times.*