

THE RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
RYE, NEW YORK

4710

GRADING SYSTEMS

Grading is considered a positive tool to indicate achievement and development in each class or subject area in which a student is enrolled. The Board of Education recognizes that the classroom teacher has the primary responsibility to evaluate students and determine student grades.

The District will use a grading system that is uniform K-5 and at the middle and high schools. Classroom teachers will evaluate students and assess student progress according to an established system.

All students are expected to complete the assigned class work and homework as directed. Students are also expected to participate meaningfully in class discussions and activities in order to receive course credit. If work is missed due to absence, the students are expected to make up the work. The student and/or the student's parent(s) or guardian(s) should discuss with the student's teacher an appropriate means of making up the missed work. Only those students whose absence is excused shall be given the opportunity to make up assignments for credit.

Grading will be based upon student achievement of the course objectives. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) will be informed regularly, at least four (4) times a year, at the secondary level and three (3) times a year at the elementary level of their child's progress. In addition, a parent portal into student grades is available to all parents at the secondary level via the school web-page. The use of marks and symbols will be appropriately explained. At the secondary level the lowest possible quarter grade that can be recorded is a 57.

Grading will not be used for disciplinary purposes, i.e., reducing a grade for an unexcused absence, although a lower grade can be given for failure to complete assigned work and/or for lack of class participation.

The professional judgment of the teacher should be respected. However, if a grade is challenged and is not changed upon an appeal to the teacher, the grade may be changed only by the Building Principal after consultation with the teacher. Should an administrator enforce a grade change, he/she shall report that change to the teacher and the Superintendent of Schools. The Superintendent is legally obligated to inform the Board.

*References: Board of Education Policy 5100, Student Attendance
Education Law § 1709(3)
Appeal of B.M., 45 Educ Dept Rep 281, (2005)
Appeal of Schmitt, 39 Educ Dept Rep 617, (2000)*

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