



Strickland
Middle School
Grading and Assessment

Accuracy and Confidence

- Do our grades accurately reflect student learning?
- Do our grading practices build confidence in our students' belief that they can learn?

SMS Grading Policy Statement

- It is the belief of teachers and administrators in Denton ISD that all students can learn, given the appropriate support and time to achieve mastery. Our grading policies regarding late work and reassessments reflect this belief.

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- With the exception of semester exams, students who do not achieve mastery of objectives on assessments will have the opportunity to improve their understanding and demonstrate their learning through various reassessment activities. A “Request to Reassess” form must first be completed during a teacher/student conference in which steps will be outlined to improve student learning.

SMS Grading Policy Statement

- Students will be expected to complete all assignments on time and in their entirety. If an assignment has not been turned in by the due date, the grade entered will be “missing,” which averages in as a zero. Please note that there are UIL eligibility dates within the grading period. Assignments not turned in on time may not be reflected in the student’s average for up to a week.

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The following steps will be taken to address missing work. (All steps will be documented in TAC.):

- 1 missing assignment = teacher/student conference (documented in TAC as “MSG”)
- 2 missing assignments = parent contact/conference
- 3 missing assignments = academic opportunity before or after school
- 4 or more assignments = academic team huddle with student, parent, and administrative representative

SMS Request to Reassess

Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

Reflect.

Previous Score _____

Concept to Reassess _____

Why was I unsuccessful?

Improve.

Activities Needed to Improve My Understanding of This Concept:

(To be determined through conference with teacher)

- Complete and attach missing assignments
- Correct and attach assignments with low grades
- Attend teacher tutorials (Time/Place: _____)
- Complete and attach additional practice assignments
- Other: _____

Reassessment scheduled for (date/time) _____

Request.

I have worked hard to improve my understanding of this concept, and I request the opportunity to reassess.

Student Signature _____

Teacher Signature _____

Parent Signature (if required) _____

Implementation at SMS

- Assignments and assessments have been aligned with TEKS (standards) for years.
- The biggest adjustment at SMS has been elimination of grades for formative assignments or assessments (homework mainly).
- The biggest payoff at SMS has been improvement in student learning and level of mastery.