

Policies of the Board of Education

Series 300: Instruction

SPECIFIC GRADING SYSTEM

345.1-Rule

Letter grades are to be used by teachers that have the following meanings for grades 5-12 on the quarterly report cards:

- A+, A, A- = Course objectives achieved in a superior manner
- B+, B, B- = Course objectives achieved in a highly satisfactory manner
- C+, C, C- = Course objectives achieved in a satisfactory manner
- D+, D, D- = Course objectives achieved in a minimum manner
- F = Course objectives not achieved -- no credit granted

- I = Incomplete work
- W = Student has withdrawn
- NM = No mark

High School Grade Point Average

The following grade point values shall be assigned to each grade for computation of a student's grade point average (GPA) at the high school.

A+ = 4.3	B+ = 3.3	C+ = 2.3	D+ = 1.3	F = 0.0
A = 4.0	B = 3.0	C = 2.0	D = 1.0	
A- = 3.7	B- = 2.7	C- = 1.7	D- = 0.7	

High School teachers will grade 10 point scale.

Weighting

The Waunakee Community School District does not weight grades.

GPA Classes

All high school courses taken for credit are used to determine a student's GPA (grade point average).

Pass/Fail

No courses are to be offered on a pass/fail basis at the high school or middle school.

Transfers

Students transferring from accredited secondary schools in the United States shall have their grades reviewed by the high school principal and incorporated in the computation of the student's GPA on the same basis as a student enrolled in this district. (i.e., B = 3.0; C = 2.0, etc.)

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In cases of Transfers from Alternate Grading Systems such as Pass/Fail and Students from Home-Based Private Educational Programs, Foreign Countries, Study Abroad or any other Private Educational Programs

The high school principal in consultation with guidance staff shall evaluate the student's records at the time of enrollment and determine a grade for purposes of computing a GPA. Pass/Fail courses may be removed from the computation at the discretion of the principal.

Grades 1-4

Elementary teachers (grades 1-4) shall use the following statements on the Board adopted quarterly progress reports for parents:

- Exceeds Expectations
- Meets Expectations
- Does Not Meet Expectations

Kindergarten

Kindergarten teachers shall use the following statements on the Board adopted quarterly progress reports for parents:

- Satisfactory - The student is achieving at the expected level
- Inconsistent - The student demonstrates inconsistent progress
- Concern - The student is achieving below the expected level

Basis for Grading

Copies of course objectives will be distributed at the beginning of each course. Teachers will take time to explain to students the levels of mastery within the course. The teacher is obligated to make clear to the students at appropriate intervals, the basis upon which the grades are earned. Grades should be given on the basis of a student's success in achieving the established objectives of the course.

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