

Final High School Grading Policy

In accordance with Board policy, Shelby County Schools' (SCS) grading system for high school courses adheres to the Tennessee Uniform Grading System, other state laws and regulations concerning grading, and grade inclusion standards required by the State of Tennessee student assessment system. Academic grades are determined by students' mastery of content in each subject using varied assessment strategies. The District believes that providing academic grades is important to ensure that students and parents receive information regularly about student academic progress to facilitate learning and parent engagement. This grading protocol, aligned with Board policy, sets forth district-wide standards for grading students in grades 9-12 and provides a foundation for consistent grading practices from teacher to teacher and school to school within the district. Additionally, this protocol is intended to support, not duplicate, policy requirements and should be reviewed in conjunction with applicable district policies, including 5005-Advanced Courses and 5015 Grading System for Grades 6-12 to ensure compliance with Board policy.

DISTRICT REQUIRED GRADING CATEGORIES & WEIGHTS (PER NINE WEEKS)

The District believes that a sufficient number of grades should be earned and recorded to accurately reflect a student's progress. Students in grades 9-12 must be provided an opportunity to earn at least 17 grades per nine-weeks (quarter) distributed among the following categories with the following weights. With the exception of projects, portfolios, and presentations, two grades for each required category (totaling eight grades) must be earned and recorded by the interim of the nine-week period.

Homework: 10% (min. of 4 grades)
Class Participation: 5% (min. of 4 grades)
Classwork: 35% (min. of 4 grades)
Projects/Portfolios/Presentations: 10% (min. of 1 grade)
Assessments: 40% (min. of 4 grades)

Note: Semester grades are determined by counting the two quarter grades as 85% and the semester examination as 15%.