

Parent Letter: Getting Ready for Middle School Cumulative Grading

As you know, grades 6-12 are moving to a cumulative grading process. A student's grade will be scored on all assessments and each will contribute to an ongoing, cumulative grade-in-progress throughout the school year. We will continue to have FOUR "TERMS/QUARTERS" (timed similarly to our previously named Marking Periods) at which times teachers will 'post' grades which will be reported to families. Posting will simply capture the 'snapshot' of the grade in progress at that time.

Important Considerations

Due dates.

Teachers can still assign final deadlines (teachers may use the quarter dates we will publish) at which time assignments are no longer counted in the final grade calculation or are entered at some minimal point value.

Return dates:

Teachers will follow these guidelines: *All standard tests, papers, and projects will be graded and entered into Infinite Campus no longer than two weeks from the due date. Lengthier/larger scale assessments may require an additional week.*

Quarterly reporting dates will be as follows:

Quarter 1 - Friday November 2nd, 2018

Quarter 2 - Friday, January 18th, 2019

Quarter 3 - Friday, March 29th, 2019

Quarter 4 - Thursday, June 13th, 2019

Missing work:

ALL missing/incomplete work be coded as an "M" (Missing) in the gradebook.

Point Assignment

Teachers will have the freedom to assign point values to each graded assignment. Since there are no longer marking periods, teachers will determine how much any given assignment will be weighted toward affecting a student's overall grade by assigning a certain number of points to the assignment (as opposed to just the marking period grade).