

Parent Guide to Middle School Grading

Here's a quick guide on how middle school grades are calculated:

There are six marking periods in Middle School – three in the Fall Semester and three in the Spring Semester.

FALL SEMESTER			SPRING SEMESTER		
Marking Period 1 Grade	Marking Period 2 Grade	Marking Period 3 Grade	Marking Period 4 Grade	Marking Period 5 Grade	Marking Period 6 Grade
		Fall Semester Grade			Spring Semester Grade
					Final Grade

Marking Period Grade:

Each marking period grade is an average of your student's average daily grades (quizzes and homework) and average major grades (tests and projects).

Example — Here is how a marking period grade is calculated:

Daily Grades: $78 + 92 + 77 + 90 + 72 + 83 = 492$; so $492 \div 6 = 82$

Major Grades: $86 + 87 + 82 = 255$; so $255 \div 3 = 85$

(Daily grade average + Major grade average) \div 2

$$(82 + 85) \div 2 = 83.5 = \boxed{84}$$

Semester Grade:

Your child's fall and spring semester grades are calculated by averaging the three marking periods that make up each semester.

Example — Here is how a semester grade is calculated:

(Marking Period 1 Grade + Marking Period 2 Grade + Marking Period 3 Grade) \div 3

$$(84 + 90 + 88) \div 3 = 87.3 = \boxed{87}$$

Final Grade:

The final grade at the end of the school year is the average of the fall and spring semester grades.

Example — Here is how the final grade is calculated:

(Semester 1 Grade + Semester 2 Grade) \div 2

$$(87 + 90) \div 2 = 88.5 = \boxed{89}$$

The only exception is for middle school students enrolled in high school courses, such as Algebra 1 or English 1. In those classes, your student will also be required to take a semester final exam. That exam will count for 15 percent of your child's semester grade for that class.

It's important to remember that for middle school students taking high school classes, those classes will only count for credit and will not be used later in high school to calculate your student's rank or Grade Point Average (GPA).