

Grading Changes for 2014-2015

Changes to Grading Scales and Exams for 2014-2015

Over the past several years, we have been examining our current grading scale and the relative weights of our mid-term and final exams in the calculation of final grades. After a comprehensive review that included surveys of staff, students and parents, as well as investigating the grading policies of other top NJ high schools, we made a presentation and recommendation to the Board of Education in November for its consideration.

At its December meeting, the BOE discussed our recommendations and approved the following changes to our grading scale for 2014-2015:

Letter Grade	Numerical Equivalent	Quality Pts. (used to calculate GPA)	Honors/AP Weighting (used to calculate GPA)
A	90-100	4.0	5.0
B+	87-89	3.67	4.67
B	80-86	3.0	4.0
C+	77-79	2.67	3.67
C	70-76	2.0	3.0
D+	67-69	1.67	1.67
D	60-66	1.0	1.0
F	59 and below	0.0	0.0

The BOE also approved:

- elimination of formal mid-term exams in favor of a final exam worth 10% of the overall grade in full-year courses. Periodic "exam-type" assessments will continue, but those grades will be embedded into the marking period(s);
- elimination of final exams in semester courses. Each of the two marking periods will be weighted equally (50% - 50%);
- exam exemptions for both seniors AND juniors who maintain an "A" overall average going into the final exams, as well to students (all grades) in AP courses who took the AP exam in May and who maintain at least an "B" overall average going into the final exam.

We are pleased to make these changes next year, and expect that all of our students will benefit from them.