

ACADEMIC GRADING

OUR PHILOSOPHY

Grading is a numerical value assigned by the teacher with regard to work generated by the student. It is our view and our expectation that fair and reasonable academic grading practices are used by all teachers at all times. Assessments and the determinants used to calculate a grade vary according to the teacher. It is the responsibility of the student to be aware of all the factors used by the teacher to determine a grade. Student or parental questions regarding grading should be referred to the teacher.

BEST PRACTICES

1. Educate yourself to the grading practices of every teacher.
2. Be organized. Know what you should be doing and when it is due.
3. If you don't understand...Ask !
4. Keep up to date. Don't fall so far behind you get overwhelmed and lose hope.
5. Ask yourself this question... Does the teacher see a student every day that is interested in learning and eager to participate?
6. Your best source of information about your grade is the teacher. Maintain frequent dialogue and ask for help when necessary.

HOMEWORK - Students will be given a reasonable amount of time to makeup assignments and tests due to legal or lawful absences. The student will have an amount of time at least equal to the amount of time missed. Teachers have the authority to deny make up work for illegal or unlawful absences.

HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION - When an illness or injury will cause a student to miss more than ten days of school, the student may be eligible for "homebound" instruction. This type of educational program requires a signed form from a doctor that entitles a student up to five (5) hours per week of individual instruction away from the school.

FINAL EXAMS All students are required to take final exams. They can account for up to 20% of your final grade.

HONOR ROLL

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CLASS RANK - Class ranking is computed on the basis of a weighted point average. There are three factors which influence the determination of class rank:

1. the grade and credit value of a course.
2. the weight of the course. (Higher or advanced level courses have a higher weight value than other courses).
3. the total number of successful credits achieved by the student during their tenure at SMAHS.