

GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
GRADING SYSTEM

Subject-area grades shall be expressed numerically on report cards. The numerical values correspond to letter grades as follows:

A.....	93-100
B.....	85-92
C.....	75-84
D.....	70-74
F.....	Below 70

Conduct shall be marked as follows:

S.....	Satisfactory
U.....	Unsatisfactory

Conduct grades are based on behavior and shall not affect scholastic grades.

Plus and minus evaluations are not to be added to letter grades.

Grades given at the end of each six (6) weeks period will be determined from daily work, homework, written assignments, tests, in-class participation, projects, and other meaningful assignments. The teacher shall, when requested, be able to fully explain and justify the grade(s) to the student(s), parent(s)/guardian(s), and administrative/supervisory personnel. The teacher will weigh the value of grades given for various assignments and tests within the applicable period in computing the grade. The procedure will enable the teacher to allow for individual student differences in the grading process. All assignments and tests required of a student must be considered in the computation of his or her grade.

Elementary School

Exceptions to the grading system are as follows:

1. Art, music, and P.E. for grades 1-8 shall be S (Satisfactory) or U (Unsatisfactory)
2. Writing grades for 1-5 shall be an S (Satisfactory) or an N (Needs Improvement). Writing grades for 6-8 will be integrated with English. Writing will not be considered for honor roll eligibility.
3. Science and social studies grades for grade 3 shall be an S (Satisfactory) or a U (Unsatisfactory). As the science texts for grades 3-8 cover health concepts at each grade level, the science grade for those grades shall represent performance in science and health.
4. Kindergarten reporting will be in accordance with a locally developed checklist.

Report cards shall include grades for each six weeks and an end of the year average.

Attendance records will not be used in determining the awarding of grades or the passing of a course or promotion or retention.

High School

Honor Courses – Beginning in 2005-2006 teachers will add three (3) points to the final average.

Advanced Placement Courses – Beginning in 2005-2006 teachers will add five (5) points to the final average.

Six weeks exams will be required in all subjects.

Semester and final course grades are not to be changed once recorded on a report card unless a student has successfully completed credit recovery.

Semester (final) tests will be given at each high school in each subject area. The tests will be weighed as ten (10) percent of the semester grade. Each semester average will be determined by six weeks averages counting thirty (30) percent and the final exam as ten (10) percent, except for courses that require End-of-Course/Gateway Exam. In these courses the semester test will be weighed as ten (10) percent of the semester grade, each six weeks average will count twenty-five (25) percent and the End-of-Course/Gateway will count fifteen (15) percent of the final grade.

All students missing a class no more than two periods in a semester may choose to be excused from the semester exam and receive a score equal to the average of the three six weeks grading periods.

Students who fail a Gateway Test will be provided at least one intervention during the regular school day by instructors certified in the appropriate Gateway area.

Score conversions for Gateway and End-of-Course tests are based on guidelines developed by the Tennessee Department of Education. The conversion table will vary from test to test. New conversion tables will be distributed to the students prior to testing dates.

Entering freshmen for the 2001-2002 school year that are unable to take the Gateway assessments must take the test at the next administration. Students who miss the test will receive an incomplete until fulfilling this requirement on the next test date. These students must take the Gateway Test at the next administration.

The student shall be responsible for making up work missed during excused absences. The work of a student whose grades are satisfactory but are withheld because of failure to

complete required work shall be reported as incomplete (I). If the incomplete is not removed within one semester, it will then become an “F.”

Students must pass the Algebra I, Biology, and English II Gateway Exam in order to meet the State requirement for a regular diploma.