

Curriculum & Instruction Department

Warren County Schools Grading Guidelines Content Area Weights and Distribution

Warren County School District's teachers will be using a new approach to report student progress to parents on report cards. The state board of education approved a 10 point grading scale for High Schools beginning with the 2015-2016 school year. Our district elected to implement this grading scale across all grade levels. This scale will appear on all report cards.

Our school report card will be reflective of the North Carolina state standards. We are also implementing some guidelines to use for grading each area on student report cards. This used in conjunction with other communication tools provide parents an opportunity to understand the connections between student achievement, state standards, and our district's commitment to helping each student become a successful learner.

Each grade category on the report card will be weighted according to the prescribed guidelines. We operate on a 6 week reporting cycle. To ensure that students have an opportunity to truly show mastery and to reflect a student's ability in each graded area there are guidelines for the minimum amount of grades. Teachers may have as many grades as they would like in the system however, there is no exception to the minimum amount of grades required. Teachers will carefully plan to ensure that graded tests, quizzes, classwork, and homework assignments align with curriculum and have the necessary rigor to reflect student success in all areas.

Who will enter what?

Teachers will:

- Provide quality instruction
- Enter the weighted system as they set up their gradebook
- Enter all grades on a regular basis with specific assignment names
- Determine the comments to place on report cards
- Communicate with parents regularly about student progress
- Print progress reports

Data Managers will:

- Enter footnote comments
- Print report cards

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(Below is a minimum for each category however teachers may exceed the number of grades shown)

Elementary Grades Grading Weights and Distributions

Reading Foundational Skills: This area provides progress in foundational skills necessary to be successful readers including phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, spelling, etc... Some areas may only apply to one specific grade level.

Categories: (50% Test, 40% Classwork/Quizzes, 10% Participation/Homework)

(Phonemic Awareness, Phonics, Word Recognition, Fluency, Vocabulary, etc.)

- 2 Test
 - 2 Quizzes
 - 6 Classroom Assignments
 - Homework
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Reading & ELA: This area provides progress on students' ability to read and comprehend text including literature and informational text as outlined in state standards as elements of teaching reading.

Categories: (50% Test, 40% Classwork/Quizzes, 10% Participation/Homework)

- 3 Test *(Major Projects may count as test grades)*
 - 3 Quizzes
 - 6 Classroom Assignments
 - Homework Assignments
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Mathematics:

Categories: (50% Test, 40% Classwork/Quizzes, 10% Participation/Homework)

- 3 Test
- 3 Quizzes
- 6 Classroom Assignments
- Homework Assignments

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Social Studies:

Categories: (50% Test, 40% Classwork/Quizzes, 10% Participation/Homework)

- 2 Test (Projects may be a part of this category)
 - 2 Quizzes
 - 4 Classroom Assignments
 - Homework Assignments
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Science:

Categories: (50% Test, 40% Classwork/Quizzes, 10% Participation/Homework)

- 2 Test (Major Projects may count as test grades)
 - 2 Quizzes
 - 4 Classroom Assignments
 - 1 Project required
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Art, PE, Band, Music, Spanish

Category: (30% Test, 40% Classwork/Quizzes, 30% Participation/Homework)

- 1 Test
 - 1 Quiz
 - 2 Classroom Assignments
 - Homework
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Writing Across the Curriculum: Writing assignments in every area including Art, PE, Band, and Music.

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Middle School/Middle Grades Grading Weights and Distributions

Mathematics:

Categories: (40%) Tests, (30%) Classwork, (20%) Quizzes, (10%) Homework

- 3 Test
 - 3 Quizzes
 - 6 Classroom Assignments
 - Homework Assignments
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ELA:

Categories: (30%) Projects, (40%) Tests, (15%) Quizzes, (15%) Classwork/ Homework

- 3 Test
 - 3 Quizzes
 - 1 Project
 - 6 Classroom Assignments
 - Homework Assignments
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Social Studies:

Categories: (30%) Tests, (25%) Projects, (20%) Quizzes, (15%) Classwork, (10%) Homework

- 3 Test
 - 3 Quizzes
 - 1 Project
 - 6 Classroom Assignments
 - Homework Assignments
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Science:

Categories: (30%) Projects, (20%) Tests, (20%) Quizzes, (30%) Classwork

- 1 Project
 - 2 Tests
 - 4 Quizzes
 - 6 Classroom Assignments
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CTE:

Categories: (50%) Classwork/Projects, (25%) Quizzes, (25%) Tests

- 3 Test
 - 3 Quizzes
 - 1 Project
 - 6 Classroom Assignments
 - Homework Assignments
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Art/Band/Music:

Categories: (60%) Tests, (25%) Quizzes, (15%) Classwork/Homework

- 3 Test
- 3 Quizzes
- 6 Classroom Assignments
- Homework Assignments

PE:

Categories:

Participation/Dressing Out: 50%
Health Tests/Projects: 30% (2 days)
Quizzes: 10%
Classwork: 10%

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High School Weights and Distribution

English & ELA

Categories: 60% Summative Assessments or Major Work
40% Formative Assessments or Minor Work

Major Work:

Summative Assessments: Tests, Papers, Projects, Seminars

Minor Work:

Formative Assessments: Quizzes, Classwork, Homework, Draft Work

Per (6 weeks) Term:

- 2 Summative
- 8 Formative

Mathematics

Assessments: 40% (2)
Quizzes: 20% (2)
Classwork: 30% (6)
Homework: 10% (3)

Science

Tests: 40% (2)
Quizzes: 15% (4)
Classwork: 25% (6)
Homework: 20%

Social Studies

Major Assessments: 40% (2)
Quizzes: 20% (2)
Classwork: 30% (4)
Homework: 10%

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CTE

Tests:	30%	(2)
Quizzes:	25%	(3)
Classwork:	20%	(6)
Projects:	25%	(1)

PE – WNTHS

Participation:	50%
Warm Ups:	20%
Dressing Out:	20%
Quizzes, Test, Projects:	10%

PE – WCHS

Participation/Dressing Out:	50%
Health Tests/Projects:	30% (2 days)
Quizzes:	10%
Classwork:	10%

Art, Band, Music

Participation (Formative):	50%	(8)
Tests (Summative):	40%	(2)
Quizzes, Homework:	10%	(2)

EC Department Extend

Test/Quizzes:	15%
Participation:	25%
Classwork:	55%
Homework:	5%