

DANBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Danbury, Connecticut

REGULATIONS***GRADING***

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MIDDLE SCHOOL

- I. The grading criteria for the Danbury Public Schools identify a range of percents for each letter grade. In the top categories, students can be assigned a plus (+) or a minus (-) in addition to the normal grade. Plus grades reflect progress that is slightly higher than the norm, and minus grades reflect progress slightly lower than the norm for that grade. These variations allow students to have a more accurate evaluation of their performance. The criteria are as follows:

Excellent = A+ (97-100%); A (93-96%); A- (90-92%)

Masters all assigned work. Completes work on time. Makes a real contribution to class discussions. Does all written work neatly. Works with vigor and enthusiasm. Evaluates and improves own efforts. Willing to do more than assigned work. Works independently of teacher and fellow students. Applies principles to daily experiences.

Above Average = B+ (88%); B(84.5%); B- (81%)

Masters a major portion of assigned work. Completes work on time. Does all written work neatly. Makes a good response in class. Shows a decided interest in work. Tries to evaluate and improve own efforts. Willing to do more than assigned work. Shows evidence of ability to apply principles. Works with little assistance from others.

Average = C+ (78%); C (74.5%); C- (71%)

Masters the minimum assignments. Completes work on time. Does all written work assigned. Makes an average response in class. Shows some interest in work. Evaluates and improves work under direction. Makes an honest effort to do work.

Below Average = D (67%)

Completes less than the minimum assignments. Completes work in reasonable time. Does most written work. Responds poorly in class. Makes minimal effort to do work. Not prepared adequately to achieve success in next sequential unit of a program.

Failure = F (Below 57%)

Assignments are not completed. Completed work is always late. Completes very little written work. Rarely participates in class. Not prepared to meet minimum levels of skills and knowledge requirements for grade or course.

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- II. For courses which do not use the standard grades and numerical equivalents, the following symbols and criteria will be used:

S = Satisfactory/Average Progress

Masters the minimum work. Evaluates and improves work under direction. Completes work on time. Responds and contributes adequately to class activities. Works with assistance and direction.

U = Unsatisfactory Progress

Demonstrates little or no effort. Does not complete assignments or participate in class activities.

I = Incomplete

The student has not completed some aspect of a marking period, semester or full year course obligation. Pending the submission of the outstanding assignment(s) or test(s), the student will receive an "I" with time (15 school days from the last day of the marking period) to complete these tasks after which the grade changes to an F. Once the work is submitted and evaluated, a grade will be issued and the "I" changed to the appropriate letter grade.

H = Excused for Health

This grade is given on an individual basis with a medical note excusing a student for health reasons and a release date indicated by the doctor.

WP = Withdraw Passing

The student, with parental consent and administrative authorization, has withdrawn from a course and was receiving a passing grade.

WF = Withdraw Failing

The student, with parental consent and administrative authorization, has withdrawn from a course and was receiving a failing grade.

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PROCEDURES

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COMPUTING HONOR ROLL STATUS**MIDDLE SCHOOLS**

Honor Roll calculations at the middle school level should be computed each quarter. The following numerical equivalents for letter grades are to be used:

A+ = 98	B+ = 88	C+ = 78	D = 67
A = 94.5	B = 84.5	C = 74.5	F = 57
A - = 91	B - = 81	C- = 71	

- * Honor Roll categories and their numerical ranges are as follows:

***High Honors* = 96 – 100%**

***Honors* = 90 - 95%**

- * A student whose grades include more than two Satisfactory (S) grades would not be considered for Honor Roll calculations.