

Semester Grade Calculation

Historically, final semester grades have been calculated by letter grades only, based on grade combinations as delineated in the chart below without considering the percentages earned for each letter grade. However, beginning in 2017-18, this grading practice is changing.

Final High School Semester Grade Combinations

1 st Q	2 nd Q	Final Exam	Semester Grade
A	A	A	A
A	A	B	A
A	A	C	A
A	A	D	B
A	A	F	B
A	A	0	C
A	B	A	A
A	B	B	B
A	B	C	B
A	B	D	B
A	B	F	B
A	B	0	C
A	C	A	B
A	C	B	B
A	C	C	B
A	C	D	B
A	C	F	C
A	C	0	D
A	D	A	B
A	D	B	B
A	D	C	C
A	D	D	C
A	D	F	C
A	D	0	D
A	F	A	C
A	F	B	C
A	F	C	C
A	F	D	C
A	F	F	F
A	F	0	F

1 st Q	2 nd Q	Final Exam	Semester Grade
B	B	A	B
B	B	B	B
B	B	C	B
B	B	D	B
B	B	F	C
B	B	0	D
B	C	A	B
B	C	B	B
B	C	C	C
B	C	D	C
B	C	F	C
B	C	0	D
B	D	A	C
B	D	B	C
B	D	C	C
B	D	D	C
B	D	F	C
B	D	0	D
B	F	A	C
B	F	B	C
B	F	C	C
B	F	D	D
B	F	F	F
B	F	0	F

1 st Q	2 nd Q	Final Exam	Semester Grade
C	C	A	C
C	C	B	C
C	C	C	C
C	C	D	C
C	C	F	C
C	C	0	D
C	D	A	C
C	D	B	C
C	D	C	C
C	D	D	D
C	D	F	D
C	D	0	D
C	F	A	C
C	F	B	D
C	F	C	D
C	F	D	D
C	F	F	F
C	F	0	F
D	D	A	C
D	D	B	D
D	D	C	D
D	D	D	D
D	D	F	D
D	D	0	D
D	F	A	D
D	F	B	D
D	F	C	D
D	F	D	D
D	F	F	F
D	F	0	F



It is our goal to prepare students for comprehensive test taking and help them build stamina for longer testing scenarios. In order to encourage students to take and put forth their best effort on final exams, the percentage earned for each letter grade will now be used to factor the semester grade, if doing so will raise the student's semester grade.

Currently, a student who receives a B 1st quarter, a B 2nd quarter and an A on the final exam will end up with a B for the semester grade, regardless of percentages earned for those letter grades.

A student who earns 89% B 1st quarter, 89% B 2nd quarter and a 94% A on the final exam would now have the chance to secure an A for the semester grade. Factoring all percentages and weighting them (Q1=40% of grade, Q2=40%, final exam=20%) would result in a final semester grade of 90% A. This rewards a student for working hard and showing mastery on a final exam.

$$(89 \times .4) + (89 \times .4) + (94 \times .2) = 90\%$$

In cases where using percentages earned for each letter grade would not benefit them, the grade combination chart will still be used.

To earn credit for the course, a student must pass 2 out of 3 (Q1, Q2 and final exam).