

Components for Grading for Learning: Secondary Level

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Components Include: Task Force, Grading Policy, Criterion-Based, Curriculum-Aligned, Multi-Part Grading, Electronic Grade Book, Consistent Scales

Task Force

- Build knowledge base:
 - Best Practice
 - Literature
 - Common language (build & broaden)

- Members
 - Special Education
 - English Language Learners
 - Administrator
 - Parents - ? (at some point)
 - Political climate (bring to the table)

- Regular Meetings
 - Half day
 - Monthly

Grading Policy

- Philosophy & purpose
- Non-discrimination clause
- ELL & SWD students – EQUITY
- Academic & Non-academic components
- Communication of expectations

Rules & Procedures

- Scales – definitions
- Modifications & Accommodations
- Grading tools
- Schedule & Access
- Lateness, incomplete work, 0s, averaging

Criterion-Based

- Defines expectations and levels of proficiency
- Communicates and guides student work
- Encourages exemplars of levels of quality work
- Involve students in the process
- Aligns to clear learning targets referenced to standards

Curriculum-Aligned

- Grades are aligned to the learning targets of the board-adopted curriculum

Multi-Part Grading

- Separates academic and non-academic components of grading
- Provides entry of standardized test data

Electronic Grade Book

- Grade book connects to student information database to allow for data analysis
- Provides parents and students access at anytime
- Provides administrators and teachers access at anytime
- Capable of maintaining two-part grades
- Capable of linking to standards and curriculum
- Capable of defining a variety of scales for a level (primary, intermediate, middle and high school) including rubric scales
- Capable of analyzing data a variety of ways including trend analysis, correlations and scatter plots
- Capable of determining final grades through a variety of ways including highest score attained, averaging, median, mode, or progress

Consistent Scales

- Consistent scales by level (primary, intermediate, middle and high school)