

## Required Secondary Grading Guidelines 2021-2022

Grading for students in secondary schools is high-stakes. In middle schools, grades impact course placement and high school enrollment opportunities. In high schools, not only do grades impact course placement, student grades heavily inform graduation, scholarships, and post-secondary program admissions.

These guidelines are derived and modified from [PPSD Board Policy](#) and [Stand for Children grading policy](#).



<p>A grade of “I” may be assigned to a student who does not demonstrate mastery of content standards for said grading period. All possible efforts should be exhausted and documented in advance, including, mandatory parent contact, extra support, tutoring, alternative options to demonstrate mastery, etc. Teachers issuing an “I” must work with the student and parent to create a plan for success following options to demonstrate mastery, etc.</p>	<p>A grade of “I” may only be issued for medical or extenuating circumstances. A grade of “F” may be assigned to a student who does not demonstrate mastery of content standards for said grading period. All possible efforts should be exhausted and documented in advance, including, mandatory parent contact, extra support, tutoring, allowing retakes/ redos, alternative options to demonstrate mastery, etc. Students who receive an “I” or “F” as a final grade will be required to attend <b>summer school</b>. If the “I” is not resolved by August 15th, it will convert to an “F”.</p>

### FAQ

1. How does this policy affect any student who received a grade between a 60-69% during Quarter 1?
  - a. The student’s grade will automatically be changed from an “I” to a “D.”
- 2.

Quarter 1, a student who earns a passing grade during Q2 will automatically receive a passing grade of equal value for Q1.

3. What is the grading policy for students in concurrent courses?
  - a. Concurrent courses held at PPSD school sites and taught by PPSD instructors have always followed PPSD grading policy; this will continue.
4. Does the grading scale change?
  - a. The grading scale remains the same. Skyward will automatically change any student's grade from an F to an "I" once the Quarter closes.
5. Who removes the grade of "I" from a student's transcript?
  - a. The current teacher may provide students with the opportunity to retake or redo assignments. Teachers can then ["Request a Grade Change"](#) to make any grade changes for a closed grading period.
  - b. After the school year ends, but before November 15th of the following year (August 15th for 8th and 12th graders), students can complete work as part of credit recovery (during or after school).
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