

POLICY

Board of Education Bernards Township

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GRADING SYSTEM

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The Bernards Township Board of Education recognizes that a system of measuring, recording, and reporting the achievements of individual pupils is important to the continuing process of learning.

The Board, therefore, directs the instructional program of our District include a system of grading that measures progress toward the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards and the educational goals of our District.

Pupils shall be informed at the outset of any course of study of the behaviors and achievements that are expected of them and shall be kept informed of their progress during the course of study. As a rule, grading should reward pupils for positive efforts and minimize failure, and pupils should be encouraged to evaluate their own achievements.

The Superintendent shall develop and continually review in consultation with teaching staff members, parents, and pupils, a grading program appropriate to the course of study and maturity of pupils.

INTERPRETATION OF GRADES

The Board of Education recognizes that grade interpretation is best left to the classroom teacher, who acting within the framework of the school's current grading practices and procedures assigns the grade. The teacher's grade book is the basic school record from which permanent grade records are formed, and thus it is a part of the school record system. The information contained in the grade book as it pertains to an individual student should be accessible to the student or his/her parents. The information contained in the grade book is professional information and should be treated and handled as such.

The Board of Education recognizes that there are occasions when grades are questioned at times when classroom teachers are unavailable for conferences. In the interest of resolving questions pertaining to grades without undo delay, the following will apply:

- If a question arises regarding a grade, the building principal will have the teacher involved interpret the grade in question.
- If the teacher is unavailable for an extended period of time, the building principal or his designee is responsible for grade interpretation. To this end, an explanation of the teacher's grading system will be attached to each grade book.

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- All teachers shall file their grade books at the close of school each year with their building principal.

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