

# Crocker Grading Policies

## General Grading

Crocker uses a conventional A, B, C, D, and F grading system. The letters can be interpreted as follows:

94-100% = A	73-76% = C
90-93% = A-	70-72% = C-
87-89% = B+	67-69% = D+
83-86% = B	63-66% = D
80-82% = B-	60-62% = D-
77-79% = C+	59% and below = F

Please note: Student grades will not be rounded. For example, if a student has an 89.6%, the grade will be a B+.

NM = No mark: Attendance is insufficient for grading.

I = Incomplete: Assigned work not completed/make-up work is not turned in.

Crocker also scores students in two affective characteristic categories: Personal Conduct and Work Habits. In each category, students are given a score from four to one. The numbers are to be interpreted as follows:

4= Exceeds Expectations	2= Sometimes Meets Expectations
3= Meets Expectations	1= Rarely Meets Expectations

## Honors

At the end of each year, students who have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.71, which is 70 points, for all three trimesters, will be recognized with "Honors."

## Retakes and Revisions

### English

6th Grade:

Revisions: Revisions on writing assignments may raise the original grade up to 75%.

Retakes: Retakes up to 75% are allowed on certain assessments.

7th Grade:

Revisions: Revisions on writing assignments, with teacher conference, may raise the original grade up to 75%. Revisions on assessments are not allowed.

Retakes: Retakes on assessments are not allowed.

8th Grade:

Revisions: Revisions on writing assignments will count for a separate project grade. Revisions on assessments are not allowed.

Retakes: Retakes on assessments are not allowed.

## **Mathematics**

Revisions: In 7th and 8th grade revisions are required on assessments and scored out of 5 points as a separate assignment.

Retakes: In 6th grade only, retake opportunities are allowed. A retake is available for a student when he or she receives lower than 75% on the original test. The one-time retake test opportunity will be a different, but comparable test. The student may earn up to 75% on the retake test. Only students who have completed acceptable revisions are eligible for retakes.

## **Physical Education**

Revisions: Revisions are not offered for out-of-class assignments in order to improve student grades. However, if a student is not satisfied with his/her grade on any fitness activity, he/she will have the opportunity to re-attempt the activity to achieve better marks.

Retakes: Retakes are not offered for cognitive exams in order to improve student grades. However, each student is encouraged to make the effort to learn missed content as material builds on prior knowledge.

## **Science**

Retakes: In 6th grade only, retake opportunities are allowed. A retake is available for a student when he or she receives lower than 80% on evaluate activities. The one time retake opportunity will be a different, but comparable activity. The retake will be offered on a specific day and time. The student may earn up to 80% on the retake activity.

## **Social Studies**

Revisions: Students may be required to make revisions on a test. Revisions will not change a student's test grade.

Retakes: In 6th grade only, retake opportunities are allowed. A retake is available for a student when he or she receives lower than 75% on the original test. The one time retake opportunity will be a different, but comparable test, except when the test requires a writing component (for example, a paragraph or essay question), in which case the student may be required to respond to the same question. The student may earn up to 75% on the retake test.

## **Spanish**

Revisions: At each teacher's discretion, students may be allowed to revise certain projects. Revisions on tests will count as a separate grade.

Retakes: There are no retake opportunities in Spanish class.

## **Mandarin**

Revisions: At teacher's discretion, students may be allowed to revise certain projects.

Retakes: Retake opportunities are allowed only on certain portions of assessments. Only students who have completed acceptable revisions are eligible for retakes.

### **Shadowing Absentee Work** (8th Graders only)

When a student shadows at a high school, the student's work is due immediately upon return, which includes all assignments and assessments.

### **Weighting Grades**

Each department has set the following weights for each grade level:

#### **English**

##### 6th Grade

- Writing 30%
- Reading 25%
- Vocabulary and Grammar 25%
- Spelling 10%
- Listening/Speaking 5%

##### 7th Grade

- Writing 40%
- Reading/Projects 40%
- Vocab/Grammar/Spelling 20%

##### 8th Grade

- Writing/ Projects 50%
- Reading Quizzes 30%
- Vocabulary/Grammar 20%

#### **Mathematics**

##### 6th, 7th, and 8th Grades

- Assessments 70%
- Homework, Notebooks, Classwork, Projects, and Problem Solving 30%

#### **Physical Education**

##### 6th, 7th, and 8th Grades

- Fitness and Health Assessment Skills 35%
- Psychological and Sociological Concepts 30%
- Motor Skills and Movement Patterns 20%
- Fitness and Health Concepts/Strategies 15%

#### **Science**

##### 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade

- Engage/Explore 20%
- Explain 20%
- Elaborate 20%
- Evaluation 40%

#### **Social Studies**

##### 6th Grade

- Assessments 50%

##### 7th Grade

- Assessments 60%

##### 8th Grade

- Assessments 70%

- Coursework 50%

- Coursework 40%

- Coursework 30%

### **Mandarin**

6th, 7th, and 8th Grades

- Tests 30%
- Quizzes 30%
- Projects 20%
- Classwork/Homework 20%

### **Spanish**

6th, 7th, and 8th Grades

- Tests 30%
- Quizzes 30%
- Projects 20%
- Classwork/Homework 20%

Advanced Spanish

- Tests and Quizzes 45%
- Projects 45%
- Homework 10%

### **Zero as a Place Holder**

When a student has not submitted an assignment or taken an assessment on the scheduled date, the teacher will place a zero in the grade book for that assignment or assessment until the work is completed and scored. Although this temporarily affects the grade, it does work as a helpful reminder to students to get their work turned into the teacher as soon as possible.