



Student Assessments

Dear Parents & Guardians,

As you know, the district has recently made changes to our current grading and assessment policies. You have all received this information in great depth. I want to share with you how this will look in our classroom to help our students be successful. Please refer to the attached document as you read about both formative and summative assessments.

Formative Assessments

Formative assessments are completed regularly within a unit of study to check for understanding and guide instruction. If your student completes a formative and you (or the student) feels this score does not accurately reflect their understanding, they may complete an additional formative in class. Or, if your student has continued to practice and now has a better understanding of the skill, he/she can request to complete an additional formative in class. This additional formative does **not** replace the initial score. It is a tool for communication. It allows the student to demonstrate they understand the skill. If either of these situations arise, your student will complete the attached form titled "Formative Additional Assessment Request" and we will work towards additional attempts to demonstrate understanding. Scores from these additional attempts will show up as additional assignments/scores in Power School.

Summative Assessments

Summative assessments are completed at the end of units. They demonstrate what has been learned/mastered. As per the district guidelines, any score falling below a C will be given a reassessment. In this situation, the new score will **replace** the first score. If a student earning an A, B, or C would like to request a reassessment, he/she may do so. The corresponding form for this is also attached and labeled "Summative Reassessment Request." This may occur due to similar reasons listed above with formative assessments. The main difference is how the scores are recorded.

Please remember the overall goal of grades is to communicate what a student knows. The goal is not perfection, but progress and growth for all students. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

