**General Beliefs / Goals of Grading & Assessment**

• Learning is a priority.

• Learning is a process.

• Learning, rather than grades, will be emphasized with a focus on improving student growth.

• Growth Mindset – Skills and intelligence can grow and develop.

**Grading & Assessment Terms**

• **Formative Tasks** are practice for learning. They refer to a student’s understanding of what they can do well and what they can improve upon. Formative tasks guide the next steps in the learning process. They show where the student is in relation to the learning goals on a specific date. (Currently accounts for 25% of a student’s quarterly grade.)

• **Formative Feedback** provides students with ongoing information on how they are doing during the learning process. Feedback provides specific areas to target in order to show growth. In general, feedback should be timely, relevant, and action-oriented.

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Examples of formative tasks / assessments may include:

• Any Practice During Learning • Homework for Skill Practice • Graphic Organizers

• Entrance/Exit Tickets • In-Class Assignments • Worksheets

• Journal Entry / Writing Task • Observation • Questioning

• End of Lesson reviews • End of Lesson assessments

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Examples of summative tasks / assessments may include:

• Final Project • Lab Report • End of Unit Portfolio

• Presentation • Writing Task • Mini research project

•Multiple choice/short response format

•Performance (speech, music, etc.)