DEKALB COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT GRADING PROTOCOL

Student grades are expected to reflect an appropriate amount of assessments. There should be a balance of grades in each category based on the units of study.

Four Components with Sub-Categories	K-5	6-8	9-12
Pre-Assessments Prior to Learning (Formative Assessments)			
Formal or Informal Pre-Assessments		0%	
Engaging Performance Scenarios			
(Standards-Based Scoring Rubric 4-3-2-1)			
Assessments During Learning			
Skills Assessment (Warm-Up)			
Quiz	ıiz 25%		
Projects			
Guided, Independent, or Group Practice			
Classwork			
Project or Performance	45%		
Homework			
Summative Assessments or Assessments of Learning			
Formal Post-Assessment Test			
Culminating Project or Performance		30%	
Final or Culminating Exam			
TOTAL		100%	

NOTE: If the course requires an End-of-Course assessment (EOC), the EOC will weigh 20% of the student's final grade. The remaining 80% of the student's grade is determined by the final average in the course.

GRADING PROTOCOL DEFINITIONS

Classwork – a student or group directed independent practice on the standards.

Examples include: skills block, center work, station work, textbook lessons, framework activities, scavenger hunt, etc.

Classroom Discourse – whole-class and/or group discussions in which students talk about math to reveal a deeper level of understanding and their thinking process.

Examples include: skilled questioning, sharing student work, etc.

Composition – a formal writing, which includes an introduction, body, and conclusion.

Culminating Project – a student's demonstration of his/her academic knowledge at an expressed period of time.

Debate/Discussion – an organized discussion or formal exchange of opinion.

Dressing Out – wearing appropriate attire that allows safe and effective movement during the activity, including appropriate footwear.

Final or Culminating Exam – an exam administered at the end of an academic term.

Formal Post Assessment – a test given to students after the completion of a unit or instructional program. It is often given in conjunction with a pre-assessment to measure student achievement and the effectiveness of the program.

Formative Assessment Lesson – lessons for formative assessment, some focused on developing math concepts, others on non-routine problem solving.

Source: http://map.mathshell.org

Graphic Organizers – communication tool used that uses visuals to capture knowledge, concepts, skills, thoughts, ideas, and/or relationships among concepts.

Guided Reading – small group reading instruction, which provides differentiated teaching that supports students in developing reading proficiency.

Homework – an assignment given to a student to be completed outside the regular class period.

Independent Reading – students choose materials to read for information or enjoyment.

Interactive Student Notebook – a resource/tool used for class notes and recording of activities. Source: http://interactive-notebooks.wikispaces.com/

Journal Prompts/Responses – writing prompts around a topic that requires students to describe, explain, persuade, and narrate. *Examples include:* daily reflection, quick write, etc.

Linguafolio – a performance-based student reflection of their language learning and cultural experiences.

Mathematical Task – a problem or set of problems that allows students to develop or use mathematics. The task is accompanied with a scoring rubric. *Examples include:* learning task, performance task, discovery activities, inquiry-based activities, etc.

Online Digital Resource – tools used to create, collaborate, research, and/or practice. *Examples include:* US Test Prep, First In Math, Gizmos, Reflex Math, Brain Pop, etc.

Oral participation – actively engaged in independently speaking in the language. *Examples include:* discussions, debates, and oral questioning/responses

Oral Questioning – independently question others using the second language.

Participation – actively engaged in the daily activity of the class.

Personal Management – positive compliance with classroom expectations (rules, safety, equipment, etc)

Portfolio – the contents of a student's work. (Note: In world language, it is the culminating activity for each thematic unit.)

Pre-Assessment – a tool to evaluate the readiness of students for further study.

Pre-Test – preliminary test to determine a student's baseline knowledge.

Project – a task or problem in school that takes place over a designated period of time.

Protocol – a system of rules that explain the correct conduct and procedures to be followed in formal situations.

Quiz - a short spoken or written assessment about a particular concept and/or skill.

Examples include: online assessment, verbal quiz, written quiz, etc.

Rituals and Routines – an established sequence of actions regularly followed for a specific ritual (any act or practice regularly repeated). *Examples include*: taking notes, turning in homework, showing work, etc.

Skills Assessment – a self-assessment tool that is used to determine whether the student's have learned certain skills.

Story Boards – a panel or series of panels drawn or sketched using thematic language to tell a story.

Student Portfolio – a collection of student work that showcases student's growth over time and/or examples of exemplary work. The student work should capture what students know and can do.

Test – a series of questions or problems designed to assess a specific concepts and/or skills. *Examples include:* online assessment, chapter test, unit test, etc.

Timed Writing – a timed writing focused on a prompt.

Thumbs Up/Down – a common hand gesture used to respond to a question posed in the classroom.

Ticket out the Door – a closure activity and formative assessment tool. Students are asked to describe or explain a major concept of the lesson.

ELEMENTARY PASS/FAIL RUBRICS

Arts (Visual and Performing), Music, Physical Education/Health, and World Languages

Health and Physical Education K-5

	Pass (100-70)	Fail (69 – 0)
 Assessment During Learning Cooperation in activities Follows directions Leadership/responsibility 	 Student cooperates appropriately in class activities without a reminder 70% or more of the time. Student listens and follows directions 70% or more of the time. Student demonstrates positive, responsible, personal and social behavior (i.e. wearing appropriate footwear) 70% or more of the time. 	 Student cooperates appropriately in class activities without a reminder less than 70% of the time. Student listens and follows directions less than 70% of the time. Student demonstrates positive, responsible, personal and social behavior (i.e. wearing appropriate footwear) less than 70% of the time.
 Guided, Independent, or Group Practice Respect people and equipment Positive attitude Rules/Safety 	 Student demonstrates appropriate behavior to others and equipment 70% or more of the time. Student exhibits a positive attitude toward task and others 70% or more of the time. Student follows class safety rules and treats equipment with care 70% or more of the time. 	 Student demonstrates appropriate behavior to others and equipment less than 70% of the time. Student exhibits a positive attitude toward task and others less than 70% of the time. Student follows class safety rules and treats equipment with care less than 70% of the time.
 Assessments to Validate Learning Observation of skills Written tests 	 Student exhibits outstanding performance 70% or more of the time. Student demonstrates content knowledge of standards 70% or more of the time. Student accepts feedback from peers and teacher 70% or more of the time. 	 Student exhibits outstanding performance less than 70% of the time. Student demonstrates content knowledge of standards less than 70% of the time. Student accepts feedback from peers and teacher less than 70% of the time.

Accepts feedback	

MUSIC K-5

	Pass (100-70)	Fail (69 – 0)
 Assessment During Learning Active participation Active listening Guided reading Guided writing Singing Playing an instrument 	 Student demonstrates active participation while singing, playing (instrument), speaking, reading, writing, and listening 70% or more of the time. 	 Student demonstrates active participation while singing, playing (instrument), speaking, reading, writing, and listening less than 70% of the time.
 Guided, Independent, or Group Practice Active participation in learning Performance of learning tasks 	 Student participates appropriately in class activities without a reminder 70% or more of the time. Student performs learning tasks 70% or more of the time. Student demonstrates engagement in class activities 70% or more of the time. 	 Student participates appropriately in class activities less than 70% of the time. Student listens and follows directions less than 70% of the time. Student demonstrates engagement in class activities less than 70% of the time.
Follow directions		

 Summative Assessments to Validate Learning Observation of skills Active participation Formative assessments Summative assessments 	 Student exhibits required performance 70% or more of the time. Student demonstrates content knowledge of standards 70% or more of the time. 	 Student exhibits required performance less than 70% of the time. Student demonstrates content knowledge of standards less than 70% of the time.

Arts (Visual and Performing) K-5

	Pass (100-70)	Fail (69 – 0)
Assessment During Learning Cooperation in activities Follows directions Leadership/responsibility 	 Student cooperates appropriately in class activities without a reminder more than 70% of the time. Student listens and follows directions more than 70% of the time. Student demonstrates positive, responsible, personal and social behavior more than 70% of the time. 	 Student cooperates appropriately in class activities without a reminder less than 70% of the time. Student listens and follows directions less than 70% of the time. Student demonstrates positive, responsible, personal and social behavior less than 70% of the time.

Guided, Independent or Group Practice Respect people and equipment Positive attitude Rules/Safety 	 Student demonstrates appropriate behavior to others and equipment more than 70% of the time. Student exhibits a positive attitude toward task and others more than 70% of the time. Student follows class safety rules and treats equipment with care more than 70% of the time. 	 Student demonstrates appropriate behavior to others and equipment less than 70% of the time. Student exhibits a positive attitude toward task and others less than 70% of the time. Student follows class safety rules and treats equipment with care less than 70% of the time.
 Assessments to Validate Learning Observation of skills Written tests Accepts feedback 	 Student exhibits outstanding performance more than 70% of the time. Student demonstrates content knowledge of standards more than 70% of the time. Student accepts feedback from peers and teacher more than 70% of the time. 	 Student exhibits outstanding performance less than 70% of the time. Student demonstrates content knowledge of standards less than 70% of the time. Student accepts feedback from peers and teacher less than 70% of the time.

WORLD LANGUAGES K-5

	Pass (100-70)	Fail (69 – 0)
Assessment During Learning Active oral participation Active listening Guided reading Guided writing 	• Student demonstrates active participation while speaking, reading, writing, and listening 70% or more of the time.	 Student demonstrates active participation while speaking, reading, writing, and listening less than 70% of the time.
 Guided, Independent, or Group Practice Active participation in learning Performance of learning tasks Follows directions 	 Student participates appropriately in class activities without a reminder 70% or more of the time. Student performs learning tasks 70% or more of the time. Student demonstrates engagement in class activities 70% or more of the time. 	 Student participates appropriately in class activities less than 70% of the time. Student listens and follows directions less than 70% of the time. Student demonstrates engagement in class activities less than 70% of the time.
 Assessments to Validate Learning Observation of skills Active oral participation Formative Assessments Summative Assessments 	 Student exhibits required performance 70% or more of the time. Student demonstrates content knowledge of standards 70% or more of the time. 	 Student exhibits required performance less than 70% of the time. Student demonstrates content knowledge of standards less than 70% of the time.

PRE-ASSESSMENTS PRIOR to LEARNING (FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT)

ARTS	ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS	MATH	MUSIC
(VISUAL AND PERFORMING)			
 Oral and Written Quizzes Quick Sketches Visual/Verbal Journals Classroom Discourse Performance/Participation 	 Pre-lesson Discussion Visual Representations 3-2-1 Assessment Misconception Check K-W-L Writer's Workshop Practice and Review Quick Writes 	 Formative Assessment Lessons from www.map.mathshell.org Pre-Test Interactive Student Notebooks Online Digital Resource Journal Prompts/Responses Classroom Discourse Thumbs Up/Down Ticket out the Door Graphic Organizers Student Portfolio Rituals and Routines 	 Daily Work Performance/Participation Homework
PHYSICAL EDUCATION/HEALTH	SCIENCE	SOCIAL STUDIES	WORLD LANGUAGES
Oral/Written Quizzes	Formal or Informal Pre- Assessments	 Pre-Tests Quizzes Tests 	 Oral participation Oral Questioning Debates/ Discussion Timed Writing Group/Partner Activities Current Events Journal Writing Authentic listening

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- Pre-Tests
- Exit tickets
- Interactive Notebooks
- Journal Writing
- Pre-lesson discussion

ASSESSMENT DURING LEARNING

ARTS (VISUAL AND PERFORMING)	ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS	МАТН	MUSIC
 Oral and Written Quizzes Quick Sketches Visual/Verbal Journals Portfolios Classroom Discourse Performance/Participation 	 Journaling Guided Reading Independent Reading Compositions Extemporaneous Speaking Paired Activities Listing, Charting, Webbing Free Writing Classroom Discourse Pre-Reading 	 Tasks from <u>www.map.mathshell.org</u> Quiz Classroom Discourse Online Digital Resource Mathematical Task Journal Prompts/Responses 	 Classwork Daily Work Classroom Discourse Performance/Participation Homework

PHYSICAL EDUCATION/HEALTH	SCIENCE	SOCIAL STUDIES	WORLD LANGUAGES
 PHYSICAL EDUCATION Personal Management Skills Assessment 	 Skills Assessment Quiz Projects 	 Journal Entries Checklists Pop Quizzes Concept Mapping Classwork Brain Pop 	 Extemporaneous Speaking Oral Interviews Story Boards Journaling Portfolios Guided Reading

 HEALTH Personal Management Oral/written Quizzes 	 Interactive Notebook Graphic Organizers Study Guide Q&A/questioning 	 Independent Reading Compositions Listening Comprehension Activities Linguafolio 	
CTAE			
 Bell Ringer Quizzes Projects Work Ethic Performance 			

GUIDED, INDEPENDENT, or GROUP PRACTICE

ARTS	ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS	МАТН	MUSIC
 (VISUAL AND PERFORMING) Sketches Visual/Verbal Journals Classwork Daily Work Homework Projects Portfolios Performance/Participation 	 Debates Journaling Think-Pair-Share Socratic Seminar Reflective questioning Four Corners Content Reading Jigsaw Research Advanced organizers 	 Tasks from <u>www.map.mathshell.org</u> Classwork Interactive Student Notebook Online Digital Resources Journal Prompts/Responses Mathematical Task Graphic Organizers Projects 	 Classwork Daily Work Performance/Participation Homework
PHYSICAL EDUCATION/HEALTH	SCIENCE	SOCIAL STUDIES	WORLD LANGUAGES
 PHYSICAL EDUCATION Participation Classwork Project 	 Classwork Project or Performance Homework 	 Projects Collaborative Work Debates Concept Mapping Graphic Organizers Classwork 	 Extemporaneous Speaking Questioning/Responses Debates/Discussions Story Boards Journals Portfolios Guided and Independent

 HEALTH Participation Classwork Homework Project 	Reading Compositions/Essays Listening Comprehension Activities Guided Writing Story Mapping Linguafolio
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Classwork	
Performance/Participation	
Projects	
 Labs 	
Homework	

SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENTS or

ASSESSMENT of LEARNING

ARTS	ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS	МАТН	MUSIC
(VISUAL AND PERFORMING)			
 Oral and Written Quizzes Sketches Portfolios Visual/Verbal Journals Culminating Project Self-Assessments Performance-based Exam Final or Culminating Exam 	 Portfolios Compositions Self-Assessments Double Entry Journals Culminating Project or Performance Final or Culminating Exam 	 Tests from <u>www.map.mathshell.org</u> Online Digital Resource Test Project Mathematical Task Journal Prompts/Responses Final or Culminating Exam 	 Tests Quizzes Self-Assessments Performance-based Exam Final or Culminating Exam

PHYSICAL EDUCATION/HEALTH	SCIENCE	SOCIAL STUDIES	WORLD LANGUAGES

 Unit Tests Quizzes Culminating Project Self-Assessments Performance-based Exam Final or Culminating Exam 	 Formal Post-Assessment Test Culminating Project or Performance Final or Culminating Exam 	 Unit Tests Major Tests Common Assessments Formal Interviews Final or Culminating Exam 	 Story Boards Journals Portfolios Compositions Listening Comprehension Activities Independent Writing Performance –based Listening, Reading, Viewing Assessments Performance-based Exam Self-Assessments Final or Culminating Exam 		
CTAE Unit Tests Culminating Projects Portfolios Performance Task Assessments Final or Culminating Exam					