## Grading System, Progress Reports, Placement Guidelines

Grades are a communication tool to communicate progress to the students, parents, and teachers. If you have any questions regarding grades, please contact the teacher immediately. Grades are available for parents and students through our Home Access Center (HAC). Final quarter grades are determined every nine weeks. Semester grades are weighted and determined at the halfway point and at the end of the year, see below. If you need assistance getting on HAC, please contact the JHS office at 734.850.6200.

Students are given letter grades according to the following percentages and honor points.

| Honor Points | Letter Grade | Description |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4 | A | Excellent Progress |
| 3.7 | A- |  |
| 3.3 | B+ |  |
| 3 | B | Above Average Work |
| 2.7 | B- |  |
| 2.3 | C+ |  |
| 2 | C | Average Work |
| 1.7 | C- |  |
| 1.3 | D+ |  |
| 1 | D | Below Average |
| .7 | D- |  |
| 0 | F | Subject Failed |

Most grades will be entered numerically, unless:

- If a grade is BLANK, then the teacher has yet to enter the assignment.
- If a grade has an "I", then the grade is incomplete because it was not finished or turned in by the student. A grade of an "I" is worth zero points and is considered a failing grade. For example, a student did not turn in the work or turned in a partially completed assignment.
- If a grade has a "U", then the grade is Unsatisfactory and a failing grade of $50 \%$. This grade is reserved for accommodations (504, IEP...).
- If the grade has an " $\mathbf{X}$ ", then the grade is exempted and doesn't count for or against the student. For example, a student missed a science lab done in class, so they receive an " $\mathbf{X}$ ".
- Grades of " $\mathbf{Y}$ " or " $\mathbf{N}$ " stand for yes or no and are just place markers to communicate to students and parents. The "Y" and "N" have no weight. Examples would be if you turned in a class form or completed a task.


## The "S"/"U" Grading Rubric

The "S" and "U" grading alternative is available for students whose ability to learn is affected by their emotional, physical, and/or cognitive development. The teacher, administrator and parent believe they would benefit from competing only with themselves in the classroom This student is also recognized as one who is working to his capacity within the classroom and at home. The "S"/"U" grade is an accommodation made for students and also used in our physical education classes.

S - Is a passing grade.

- Most homework is turned in on time.
- Will not seek help, but accepts help.
- Attempts all work on tests.
- Often uses stated modifications.
- Effort to complete work warrants passing.

