

Middle School Grading Policy

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Dear Monte Vista Christian Middle School Parent and Student,

It is our desire that our students have the most challenging, rigorous curriculum and educational experience possible while attending Monte Vista Christian Middle School. Additionally, we want to communicate as clearly and often as possible about our expectations for student success. In this endeavor, we have developed a grading policy for the middle school which is explained under the following subtitles.

We hope that you find this information beneficial and worthwhile. Please understand it is the right and responsibility of the teacher to assess student work. Please work with your child to relay the

importance of completing all assigned work at the time that the work is due. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher by e-mail or phone at (831) 722-8178.

Grading Scale

A standard percentage scale is used school-wide to determine grades. This ensures a standard of excellence toward which each student may strive. The following is the scale used:

Grade	%	GPA Value
A	93-100	4.0
A-	90-92	4.0
B+	87-89	3.0
B	83-86	3.0
B-	80-82	3.0
C+	77-79	2.0
C	73-76	2.0
C-	70-72	2.0
D+	67-69	1.0
D	63-66	1.0
D-	60-62	1.0
F	59-below	0.0

Honors classes taken at the high school level will receive one extra GPA point if a C grade or higher is earned.

Example: A – 5.0; B = 4.0; C = 3.0. There is no weighted grade for D grades.

Academic Probation

Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA in all core classes (Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Bible) for each quarter grading period. Students falling below 2.0 will be placed on academic probation for the next nine week grading period. Effective with the fourth quarter of the previous year, *if a student remains on Academic Probation for two consecutive quarters or three of the four school quarters, he or she may be asked to withdraw or may not be invited back to MVCS for the next school year.*

Athletic Team and Extra-Curricular Activities Participation

Students on an athletic team or other extra-curricular activity must have a 2.0 grade point average to participate in the sport or activity. Students who are on a team and their grade point average falls below a 2.0, or have an F grade in a class, will not be allowed to participate until their grades improve.

Reporting of Student Progress.

Each evening parents will receive an e-mail with their child's grades up to that day (Gradebook Summary). This is an indicator of your child's progress. All grades are updated and reported every four and a half weeks as well as every nine weeks (quarter grades). A semester grade is issued after 18 weeks and is an average of two quarters. The semester grade is what is reported on the student's transcript.

Assignments and Assessments

Grades are composed of assignments and assessments. Assignments make up 45% of the grade and include homework, class work and small quizzes. Assessments make up 55% of the grade and include tests, quizzes and larger projects.

Academic Achievement

Grades will reflect academic achievement, and the factors to determine these grades are assignments and assessments. Behavior, attendance, and effort are nonacademic factors and will be communicated through other means such as, e-mail and phone calls.

Guidelines for Grading

Grading will not be done on a curve. Grades are based on the student's demonstration of knowledge and skill scored against a set of established criteria.

Grading is based on content, and while we do encourage neatness our measurement is based on the understanding of the assignment or assessment.

Grading will be based on individual achievement, and although we encourage cooperative learning strategies as an excellent teaching technique our focus is on the demonstrated proficiency of the individual student.

Extra credit assignments are not included in our grading. The students are expected to demonstrate mastery in the original assignments and assessments. Challenge points may be offered to students by teachers to encourage them to go above and beyond the requirements of a designated assignment.

Make-Up Work and Late Work

Our grading policy allows for make-up work for excused absences. Students with excused absences will have the same number of days to complete missed assignments and tests as the number of days they were absent. For example, a student with two days of excused absence will have two days to complete all make-up work. It is the student's responsibility to determine what work or tests were missed and to make arrangements with the teacher to make up the work. *A student absent on the day of a test must be prepared to take the test upon his/her return.* Students are expected to

turn work in on time. *Students who turn in late assignments will have until the first day of the next school week to turn in their homework or assignment for partial credit. After this time period has passed no credit will be given for late homework or assignments.* During the last five days of the quarter late work will not be accepted so that teachers may finalize their grades.

Academic Achievement Awards

At the end of each academic year in May students are recognized for their academic achievement. The following are the awards given at our celebration of excellence in student learning at Monte Vista Christian Middle School.

Student Speakers----These students are selected based on their academic achievement.

Christian Character Awards----These students have been selected by a vote of their peers and approval of the teachers. A description of the awards is listed on the back.

Honor Roll-----These students have achieved a 3.5 grade point average or higher for all their classes for each semester and third quarter of this year.

Scholar Athlete-----These students have participated in three or more sports and have the highest grade point average of 8th grade students who have participated in sports.

4.0 and Above G.P.A.-----These students have received four grade points or above in every class they have taken at Monte Vista Christian School.

Academic Students of the Year---These students have received the highest average percent grade in the most rigorous classes for their grade level.

California Junior Scholarship Federation (CJSF)-- These students have achieved a total of 10 points in Math, Science, Language Arts, Social Studies, and Bible, with an A equaling 3 points B equaling 1 point and they have completed 4 hours of community service.

President's Physical Fitness Award—The Physical Fitness Test includes five activities that measure muscular strength/endurance, cardio-respiratory endurance, speed, agility, and flexibility. Students receive this award based on their score measured against a national standard.

President's Academic Excellence Award-----This award is given to those students who have achieved a grade point average of 3.7 and scored at the 85 percentile in Reading or Mathematics on a standardized achievement or 415 and above on the STAR test for the State of California.

At the semester students receive academic awards at a special assembly for the following achievement: Honor Roll. 4.0 GPA and Perfect Attendance.

Student Council

Elections for Student Council are held in September. Students must have a grade point average of 3.0 to run for office. There are six officers: President (Must be in 8th grade), Vice-President (Maybe a 7th or 8th grade student), Secretary (Maybe 6th, 7th or 8th grade student, 8th grade representative, 7th grade representative and 6th grade representative. The Student Council meets every other week with the Principal during their elective period. The Council also meets once a month with the Representatives from each Bible Homeroom class. The Student Council acts as an advisory committee to the Principal on all student concerns and activities.

California Junior Scholarship Federation (CJSF)

This is a state honor society for 7th and 8th grade students who have achieved 10 academic points in all of their core classes except P.E. Electives and Exploratory class grades are also not included in the point total Each A is 3 points and each B is 1 point. C's and D's do not count. If a student receives an F they are ineligible for membership. Each semester the students must submit their grades to the Principal and complete an application to become a member of CJSF. Students are also expected to complete 4 hours of community service.