

McKinney Independent School District
Secondary Grading Guidelines
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

District-wide grading and reporting practices were identified as a secondary district improvement initiative during the 2008-2009 school year for five primary reasons:

1. To improve alignment of grading and reporting practices with district-wide curricular, instructional, and assessment philosophies and practices.
2. To reduce the variance in grading practices within and among secondary grade levels and courses.
3. To prepare students for upcoming changes in the state accountability system.
4. To address the 2009 Commissioner's Rule and SB 2033.
5. To align our grading practices with current research and best practice and to better prepare students.

Additional practices have been put in place for the 2013-2014 school year as we recognize that all students have the ability to learn, they learn in different ways and timeframes and that errors are inherent in the learning process.

2013-2014 Grading Policy Guidelines:

- In accordance with EIA (LOCAL) " ... a student shall be permitted a reasonable opportunity to redo an assignment or retake a test for which the student received a grade of 80 or lower."
- The retest/redo must be completed within 5 school days following the return of the assessment to the student.
- A student must attend at least one tutoring session with the student's teacher (or an appropriate designee within the department) prior to the retest/redo.
- A grade of 80 is the highest possible grade on any retest/redo.
- The highest grade of the two (original or retest/redo) will be counted.
- If the original assessment was given the last week of the grading period and reasonable opportunity to retest/redo is not available, the grade can be taken for the next marking period.
- Test corrections are not an allowable retest opportunity. Instead these will be part of the tutorial preparation for the retest/redo.
- Retest/redo for assessments can only be done to support mastery learning.
- Only one retest/redo is allowable per assignment (i.e. there is additional retest/redo).
- These changes begin October 21, 2013.