

Modified Grading Scale

Frequently Asked Questions



Why did the York County School Division grading scale change?

After reviewing grading practices in neighboring divisions as well as those across the state, the School Board determined that implementing the new standards would ensure York County students remain competitive, especially in the areas of college applications and scholarship awards.

When will the new grading scale go into effect?

The new grading scale will be effective with the start of the 2012-2013 school year (September 4, 2012) for students in grades 3-12. Students enrolled in Kindergarten, grades 1, and 2 will continue to use a development scale for reporting student progress.

What are the differences between the new grading scale and the previous grading scale? The new grading scale is considered a modified 10-point scale. The charts below show the changes between the numerical grade and corresponding letter grade.

Grading Scale Implemented 2012-2013	
Grade	Range
A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	64-69
F	63 and below

Grading Scale Prior to 2012-2013	
Grade	Range
A	92-100
B	84-91
C	75-83
D	67-74
F	66 and below

Will previous grades earned be converted to the new grading scale with the start of the 2012-2013 school year?

No. All grades earned through August 2012 will remain on the former grading scale.

Will the new grading scale impact GPAs or class rankings for high school students?

Grade point averages (GPA) are calculated based upon the quality points assigned to each letter grade and calculation methods will remain the same with the new grading scale. Class rank is based upon the GPA calculations.

How will grades from two different grade scales be presented to colleges?

The division has created a transcript that includes both scales used to calculate student GPAs, clearly delineating which scales were used for the grades earned. This is a similar method to those used by other divisions that have already implemented changes to grading scales. College admissions officers indicate that they are familiar with reviewing transcripts that have different grading scales, such as those of students who have attended different high schools.

Will the new grading scale impact Honor Roll requirements?

No, students will still be eligible for Honor Roll status based upon the criteria outlined in the Student Handbook and Code of Conduct.