GRADING SCALE
FACT SHEET

ALLEGHANY HIGHLANDS
Public Schools

Background Information

Alleghany County Public Schools, Covington City Public Schools, and Jackson River Technical Center merged on July 1, 2022, and created Alleghany Highlands Public Schools.

In November 2021, a review of grading policies and practices was initiated with a variety of staff in CCPS and ACPS to develop uniform instruction practices for Alleghany Highlands Public Schools. These discussions led to a grading scale that was approved by the Alleghany Highlands School Board in August 2022.

AHPS is following a 10-point scale in grades 3-12. A majority of school divisions in Virginia and most of our neighboring divisions have been using a 10-point scale for some time now. ACPS converted to A 10-point scale in 2019; this change is new to former CCPS staff and students.

AHPS students in grades PK-2 are following standards-based grading systems. Standards-based grading provides a more robust vantage point of student learning/progress as the more information available, the better the instructional planning may be tailored to meet individual needs. This is a change for teachers in both historic divisions.

Uniform Instructional Practices

Prior to the creation of Alleghany Highlands Public Schools on July 1, 2022, instructional leaders with Alleghany County Public Schools and Covington City Public Schools worked closely together and developed standard practices for teaching students. Several subcommittee meetings were held to facilitate discussions.

Grades 6-12 (All Classes)

- Grades K-2 will use Standards-Based Grading.
- Grades 3-12 will use a 10-point scale with no plus (+) or minus (-).
- No grade below 40 will be issued for the first nine weeks of both semesters and year-long courses.

Grading Scale for 2022-23 School Year

- 100-90 = A with a 4.0 GPA and a weighted 5.0 GPA.
- 89-80 = B with a 3.0 GPA and a weighted 4.0 GPA.
- 79-70 = C with a 2.0 GPA and a weighted 3.0 GPA.
- 69-60 = D with a GPA of 1.0 and a weighted GPA of 2.0.
- 59-0 = F with a GPA of 0.0 and a weighted GPA of 0.0.
- Therapeutic, certain special education courses (Virginia Alternative Assessment Program students), and computer labs will receive: P for Pass, F for Fail.

Grades 3-5

- 100-90 =A.
- 89-80 = B.
- 79-70 = C.
- 69-60 = D.
- 59-0 = F.
- Grades for Specials/Electives:
  - P = Proficient-meets expectation for standards.
  - E = Emerging-does not meet expectations.

Grades PK-2 (Core Report Cards)

- Grades 1-2:
  - AP (Advanced Proficient) = 90-100 percent.
  - P (Proficient) 81-90 percent.
  - DP (Developing Proficiency) 61-80 percent.
  - E (Emerging) 60 percent and below.
- Grades PK/JK-K:
  - P (Proficient) = 81-100 percent.
  - DP (Developing Proficiency) = 61-80 percent.
  - E (Emerging) = 60 percent and below.