

# Mrs. LaPierre's Grading Policy

## What makes up my grade?

The overall letter grade will be based on whether students are meeting the standards (learning targets) for each unit, as well as how they demonstrate their learning. In PowerSchool, this grade is divided into these categories and weights for Literacy.

Category	Percent of grade	Description	Examples
<b>Preparation, Readiness, and Practice</b>	<b>10%</b>	Assignments done to prepare for... <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• class discussion or activity</li><li>• preparation of work for feedback</li><li>• class discussion</li></ul> Assignments focused on a skill... <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• first being introduced</li><li>• being practiced for the first time</li><li>• requiring labeling or identification</li></ul> Completion of opening procedures & executive function such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• recording homework in planner</li><li>• completing class starter questions / exercises</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Drafts for revision</li><li>• Identification/ classification assignments</li><li>• Books for study</li></ul>
<b>Classwork: Critical Thinking and Analysis</b>	<b>40%</b>	Tasks requiring a higher depth-of-knowledge level or skill set requiring <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• critical thinking</li><li>• analysis and synthesis</li><li>• written responses</li><li>• skill application</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• constructed responses</li><li>• blog and vlog responses</li><li>• literary analysis</li><li>• literary responses</li></ul>
<b>Summative Learning/ Performance Events</b>	<b>50%</b>	Summative assessments to demonstrate mastery of a unit learning standard.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• unit tests</li><li>• book projects</li><li>• final writing pieces</li></ul>

## ESMN Scoring Guide Grade Equivalents

Students' scoring guides are divided into an ESMN scale to determine grade percentages and letter grades. Most assignments have a rubric that uses this ESMN scale by converting standards into a 7-point grade:

- **E: Exceeds Standards (100% or 7/7 point):** Student demonstrates a degree of knowing, understanding, and/or doing that exceeds the 6th grade standards for the assignment as it relates to a unit's standard/learning target.
- **S: Standards Met (86% or 6/7 points):** Student demonstrates that they know, understand, and/or can do what is expected for a 6th grader as it relates to a unit's standard/learning target.
- **M: Making Progress (72% or 5/7 points):** Student demonstrates that they are making progress toward knowing, understanding, or being able to do what is expected based on the unit's standards/learning targets.
- **N: Not There Yet (64% or 4.5/7 points):** This standard/learning target is a target for the student to spend time practicing and studying.
- **I: Incomplete (50% or 3.5/7):** Student's work does not show sufficient evidence to measure learning progress.

In PowerSchools, each indicator is entered as a separate grade. For example, in a writing piece where learning indicators are being assessed for Organization, Figurative Language, and Mechanics, each of those indicators will be scored and entered separately.

### Homework

- Usually students have homework 2-3 times a week
- Some assignments are done to prepare for a class activity the following day and will need to be done immediately. Others, such as the blogs, will be open for multiple days to give students a chance to post responses and go back and revise, add to responses, and collaborate with classmates.