

# NJHS Grading and Retake Policy

We are excited to use a standards-based grading model at NJHS. We are confident that this grading scale more accurately communicates to parents, students, and teachers whether or not the student has mastered the state standard while ensuring that we challenge every student to achieve at high levels.

Because we want to focus on what the student knows, 85% of the course grade depends on assessment (test) scores. Homework is considered practice. While we do not believe homework serves as final evidence of what the student has learned, we believe it is an important part of the learning process. As a result, 15% of the course grade depends on homework scores.

When a student does not achieve their maximum potential on a particular assessment, they may reassess over that standard as long as certain conditions are met:

- They have received below 80% on their first assessment
  - Students that receive below 80% can retest to increase their grade up to 80%
- They have no scores of 0% in the gradebook. 0% are assigned when a student does not successfully attempt a homework assignment.
- They have successfully completed an extra re-learning assignment, as assigned by the teacher.
- They have scheduled a reassessment with the teacher, by turning in a [retake ticket](#) form.
- They have completed all of the above steps within two weeks of receiving their assessment score.



It is NJHS policy that a student is allowed at least **one** retake of each assessment when the above process is used. It is the student's responsibility to initiate this process. We provide this opportunity to students because we believe our students need to learn the content, even if they did not learn the content on the first attempt. *Note: Students may not have the opportunity to reassess over oral presentations or projects.*

NJHS also follows the 90, 80, 70, and 60 grading scales that corresponds to the following grades:

- 100% - 90% - A
- 89% - 80% - B
- 79% - 70% - C
- 69% - 60% - D
- 59% and Below – F

At the end of each grading period, the 85% assessment grade and 15% homework grade will be combined to make one percentage that corresponds to the above grading scale to display a traditional letter grade of A, B, C, D, or F on the report card.

As always, if you have any questions about our grading policy or have a question about your student's grade, please contact your student's teacher.