

How are Science Grades Computed?

Components of the Quarter Grade

Grades are computed at the end of the quarter by using a cumulative average of the percentages achieved in three areas of individual student performance in science class. These three areas of focus are as follows:

- **Module (Chapter) test grades** – at end of each chapter a test is taken and a percentage grade is given based on student academic performance on that test
- **Daily Written Work (DWW)** – Meeting daily class goals according to check sheet expectations and teacher discretion of these expectations*.
- **Class Preparation** – Having all required materials in class each day

* At the discretion of the teacher, the daily requirements can be modified for an individual student. Students will be clearly informed on any change.

Module (Chapter) Grades are based on the test grade earned for each module as follows:

<input type="checkbox"/> 100%	A+
<input type="checkbox"/> 90-99%	A
<input type="checkbox"/> 80-89%	B
<input type="checkbox"/> 70-79%	C
<input type="checkbox"/> 60-69%	D
<input type="checkbox"/> 59% and below	F

- If a student receives a “C”, “D”, or “F” on a test, the teacher has the **discretion** to have the student make test corrections in the presence of the teacher, re-do part of the module and retake the test, or have the student repeat the module (this includes all module work minus the labs) and retake the test. If a test needs to be re-taken, the new grade earned will be an average of the two test grades.
- All of the requirements of each module must be completed including all lab assignments prior to a test being taken.
- A test taken past the scheduled test date will be a 10 point deduction in the final score.

Daily Written Work (DWW)

- DWW the student’s daily requirement to be achieved according to the check sheet and must be completed during class.
- If the student does not complete the DWW during class it will be considered homework and needs to be turned in no later than 8 am the following day.
- DWW turned in after 8 am will be counted as late DWW and results in a deduction of the DWW grade.
- This class component is factored into the final quarter grade at a maximum of 50% if all DWW requirements are met throughout the quarter.
- If the day’s DWW requirement isn’t met it is recorded on grade sheet and there is a deduction from the 50%.
- If a student is behind more than 4 days in their DWW expectation at the end of the quarter, their quarter letter grade is dropped one whole letter grade.

Class Preparation Grades

- This is factored into final quarter grade at a maximum of 50% if all the Class Preparation requirements are met throughout the quarter.
- If the day's Class Preparation requirement isn't met it is recorded on grade sheet and there is a deduction from the 50 percent.
- Class Preparation is defined as having all the materials necessary for your subject with you at the beginning of class (textbook, lab book and checksheet folder).

Letter grade adjustments for not meeting DWW and/or Class Preparation requirements are based on the amount of times each of these requirements isn't met during the quarter.

These adjustments are as follows*:

0	A+	(100)
1	A	(95)
2-3	B	(85)
4-5	C	(75)
6-7	D	(65)
8 and above	F	(55)

*Note – DWW and Class Preparation are two separate grades and each is equal to a maximum of 50 percent in the overall averaging of the grade)

The final **Quarter Grade** the student receives is an average of the three discussed categories above and expressed granularly as a letter grade (ie. + and – of whole letter grades) as follows:

• 100%	A+
• 95 - 99%	A
• 90 - 94%	A-
• 87 - 89%	B+
• 83 - 86%	B
• 80 - 82%	B-
• 77 - 79%	C+
• 73 - 76%	C
• 70 - 72%	C-
• 67 - 69%	D+
• 63 - 66%	D
• 60 - 62%	D-
• 59 and below	F
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Averages are calculated to two decimal places, and rounded up at .50 and above.

Semester Grades* are the numeric average of the two quarter grades and special projects (if any) converted to a **whole** letter grade per the scale above for Quarter Grades.

*Note – semester grades are **not** expressed as a – or + when calculated and recorded on report cards.

