

How are High School Social Studies Grades Computed?

Components of the Quarter Grade

- Chapter tests
- Essays and special projects
- Class Preparedness
- Daily Written Work.

Chapter Tests: The objective for all High School Social Studies courses, except Geography, is five tests per quarter. Below four will result in a reduction of one full letter grade. The objective for Geography is four per quarter; below three will result in a reduction of one full letter grade. If a student receives a “D”(0 – 69) or lower 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 chapter and repeat the test, or have the student repeat the chapter including the test. If a test needs to be re-taken, *the new grade earned will be an average of the two test grades*. Tests taken later than scheduled without an excuse from the teacher, may be dropped a full grade (10 points).

Essays and special projects: All of the requirements of each chapter must be completed including all Activity Book assignments, essays, projects, videos or supplemental reading. The teacher may use discretion in lowering a grade if the student is not meeting daily requirements in class.

Class Preparedness: Class Preparation is defined as having all the materials necessary for your subject with you at the beginning of class (textbook, activities book, and check sheet folder).

Daily Written Work:

Daily written work must be completed during class.

If the student does not complete the daily written work during class it will be considered homework and needs to be turned in no later than the following day at the **start** of their Social Studies class period.

- Daily written work turned in after the start of their next day’s subject class period will be counted as “late.”
- Letter grades will be *adjusted if need be* according to the amount of times daily written work is turned in late during the quarter, and how many times a student is unprepared for class as follows (note – these are two separate grades and each is equal to ½ chapter test grade):

0	A+	(100)
1/2	A	(95/90)
3/4	B	(85/80)
5/6	C	(75/70)
7/8	D	(65/60)
9/10	E	(55/50)

- At the end of each quarter, the number of “Lessons Behind” will be added to the “Late Daily Written Work” total. In addition, if the number is 4 or more, the Quarter Grade may be dropped a **Full Grade**, at the discretion of the teacher.
- Any time during the quarter a student reaches three or more Lessons Behind, **Detention** may be assigned each day from 3:35 to 5 p.m. until caught-up.

How High School Social Studies Grades are Calculated

Semester Grades are the numeric average of both Quarters converted to a whole letter grade.

Quarter Grades are the numeric average of all Chapter Tests, Daily Written Work grade, Class Preparedness grade, assigned and optional essays, and special projects (if any). Quarter grades have the same numeric conversion to letter grades as Semester Grades, **except** they are expressed more granularly (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** **E**

Averages are calculated to two decimal places, and rounded up at .50 and above.

Chapter Grades are recorded as numeric results.