

SECONDARY GRADING AND REPORTING

What Students and Families Need to Know

Changes to Regulation IKA-RA Grading and Reporting Beginning in the 2026-2027 School Year

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MCPS has updated its grading and reporting practices to provide greater consistency and clarity for students and families. Knowing these expectations can help students stay on track and make informed decisions about their work while giving families better information to support them. Here are the key changes you need to know.

EXTENDED TIME ACCOMODATIONS CLARIFICATION – Students whose IEP, 504 Plan, or EML Plan includes extended time will receive that accomodation for **both the due date and the deadline**.

MAKEUP WORK FOLLOWING ABSENCE – Students returning from a lawful absence will be permitted to make up missed work. Teachers may provide an equivalent but different assignment or assessment. **Students who intentionally skip a class or school without authorization will not be eligible to make up missed work** once the absence is determined to be skipping by the principal or designee.

LATE WORK – Late work will **not** be accepted after the Deadline. Few or no new graded assignments and assessments will not be given during the **final five school days** of a marking period unless they are counted in the subsequent marking period. Instruction will continue during this time.

HOMEWORK FOR PRACTICE & PREPARATION – Homework assigned for practice and preparation may account for **no more than 10%** of the marking period grade and will be graded for completion.

LIMITED IMPACT OF SINGLE ASSIGNMENT – No individual assignment or assessment may count for more than **20%** of a student's marking period grade. This is reduced from the previous maximum of 25%.

CONSISTENT & COMMUNICATED REASSESSMENT OPPORTUNITIES – Students will have at least **two** opportunities each marking period to retake or revise eligible assessments, determined by teacher teams. Eligible assignments will be identified with an **"R"** in StudentVue and ParentVUE. Participation in reteaching required when applicable.

EXPECTATIONS FOR AI AND ACADEMIC HONESTY – Teachers will tell students **if, when, and how Artificial Intelligence (AI) may be used** for lessons and assignments. Unauthorized use of AI may be considered academic dishonesty. Teachers may not rely solely on AI to grade student work and provide feedback or use unauthorized digital or AI tools, including to detect academic dishonesty.

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