



# City Honors School

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Dear City Honors Families,

Three years ago, our School-Based Management Team, PTSCO, and our Faculty all voted to move from letter grades to numeric grades. This decision was based largely on our District's use of the Infinite Campus Student and Parent Portal systems, which allow students and families to see numeric grades in "real time." However, at that time the District found that it was not feasible for CHS to move forward with the change. Previous impediments have been removed, and we are now able to do so.

This change will eventually lessen transcript issues and increase transparency in grading. We are working with the curriculum and IT departments and our faculty to do our best to ensure a smooth transition. We ask for your patience as we work through any challenges we may face with the conversion.

Beginning this school year, students in grades 5-8 will receive numeric grades based on the District numeric scale. Students in grades 9-12 will continue to receive letter grades on report cards using our existing alpha-numeric scale (below right column). The new District alpha/numeric scale (below left column) is slightly different than the one used at City Honors. Grades from previous years will not be impacted, but moving forward we will use the updated grading system.

Each year, the numeric grading system will move along with the current 8<sup>th</sup> grade class until all students are transitioned in the 2021-22 school year.

The chart below shows the "new" alpha conversion and the "old" City Honors letter system. However, be aware that only numeric grades will be used for grades 5-8.

<b>Numeric Grade</b> <i>(for grades 5-8 in 2017-18)</i>	<b>Letter Grade</b>	<b>Numeric Grade</b> <i>(for grades 9-12 in 2017-18)</i>
97-100	<b>A+</b>	98-100
93-96	<b>A</b>	95-97
90-92	<b>A-</b>	92-94
87-89	<b>B+</b>	89-91
83-86	<b>B</b>	86-88
80-82	<b>B-</b>	83-85
77-79	<b>C+</b>	80-82
73-76	<b>C</b>	77-79
70-72	<b>C-</b>	74-76
67-69	<b>D+</b>	71-73
65-66	<b>D</b>	68-70
N/A	<b>D-</b>	65-67
Below 65	<b>F</b>	Below 65

The passing grade for students in grades 3-6 District-wide has also changed from 75 to 65 as part of an update to BOE Regulation 7210-R. Please be reminded that the minimal expectation for our students at City Honors is an 85, which is currently considered mastery, or higher. Parents of students in grades 5 and 6 receiving grades below an 85 should communicate with their child's teachers to ensure early intervention. Maintaining communication is essential.

