

The grading periods at Gage County School District No. 34 shall be approximately in length, providing four nine-week period in the school year. Commentary evaluations in all elementary grades will be quarterly. These will be prepared at each grade level and will reflect what has occurred in the classroom.

Each nine-week period, all staff members shall prepare a grade report to parents based on the grading system outlined, using a numerical value. In the secondary school all academic classes will receive numerical grades and will be used for honors tabulations. Grades will be assigned each quarter.

The following grade scale shall be used:

94 - 100. . . .	A. . . .	= 4.0
90 - 93. . . .	B+ . . .	= 3.5
86 - 89. . . .	B. . . .	= 3.0
82 - 85. . . .	C+ . . .	= 2.5
78 - 81. . . .	C. . . .	= 2.0
74 - 77. . . .	D+ . . .	= 1.5
70 - 73. . . .	D. . . .	= 1.0
69 & Below . . .	F. . . .	= 0.0

A student's class rank will be based on an accumulative percentage. At the end of each year, the guidance counselor will calculate each student's Grade Point Average (GPA) using the 4.0 scale. The 4.0 scale will only be used by students planning to apply to colleges and planning to apply for scholarships. (It will NOT be used for class rank).

Rationale: The percentage column at left creates a more consistent range from top to bottom of each letter grade. The breakdown by adding plusses allows teacher to distinguish students within the letter grade category. Addition of the 4.0 grade scale would benefit students in their college applications and scholarship endeavors as most post secondary institutions recognize the 4.0 scale as the best method of comparing students at different schools. The 4.0 scale is used at most universities.

At the end of the quarter or semester, if a student has an incomplete grade he or she will be given five (5) days in

which to complete the work. If the work is not completed in this time period the student will receive a zero for the work not completed.

All grade reports shall be prepared and ready for distribution within four (4) days after the termination of each quarter or semester or as directed by the superintendent of schools.

All grade reports will contain the grade for each subject as well as the following:

- I. Number of absences.
- II. Number of tardies.
- III. Comments.

Reporting and Parent-Teacher Conferences.

- I. A report to parents of the achievement of each student in Gage County School District No. 34 shall be prepared and distributed to students and/or parents at the end of each quarter of the school year.
- II. Two parent-teacher conferences may be held each school year, for all students grades K-12 during the first and third quarters. Progress reports may be distributed to the parents at this time. Progress reports at other times shall be mailed to the student's home.

Refer to Article 1215, Parent-Teacher Conferences.