

**GRADING
COMMITTEE
PROPOSAL
Grading Scale**



**Raymond High School
School Board Presentation April 17, 2024**

Grading Committee & Responsibilities



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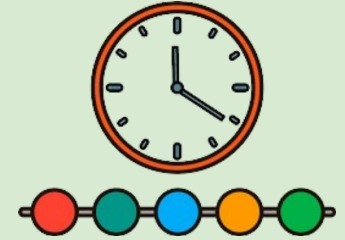
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- Review our current grading practices in the handbook (p. 39-41)
- Streamline the information and wording
- Simplify the practices
- Address inconsistencies
- Create 100 pt scale
- Determine cutoff for passing that aligns more with RHS' Core Values and Beliefs.
- Take into account staff feedback from January in service day

Timeline



Jan 2024

- Committee formalized & Co-chairs selected
- Collect and review handbooks from districts in the area.

Feb 2024

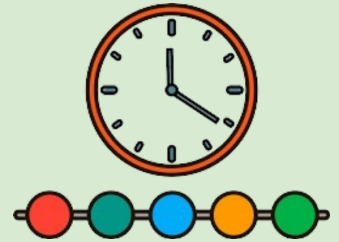
- 2 hour PD session to add/delete/modify handbook
- 1.5 hour after school to complete
- Final draft submitted to administration
- Presentation to Staff
- Warm/Cool feedback document shared with staff/ Staff voting
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March 2024

- Weekly meeting with committee to address feedback

April 2024

- Meet with Site Council for feedback
- Presentation to School Board



Tonight we are focusing on just the 100 pt grade scale

Current Grading Scales (4 pt)

Issues:

- ❖ **D+ (1.2)** passing
- ❖ **D, D-, F** (below 1.2) not passing
- ❖ The red area is confusing
- ❖ Currently students pass with a 1.2 (68%)
- ❖ **IWS** : Insufficient Work Shown overrides confusing
- ❖ Hard to gauge how close a student is to the next letter grade

RHS	Grade	Scale	
A+	4	100-97	Proficient with Distinction
A	3.9-3.7	96-93	
A-	3.6-3.5	92-90	
B+	3.4-3.2	89-87	Proficient
B	3.1-2.7	86-83	
B-	2.6-2.5	82-80	
C+	2.4-2.2	79-77	Partially Proficient
C	2.1-1.7	76-73	
C-	1.6-1.5	72-70	
D+	1.4-1.2	69-68	
D	1.1-0.7	67-66	Substantially below Proficient
D-	0.6-0.1	65	
F	0	Below 65	

Proposed Grading Scale for 2024-2025

Letter Grade	Percentage	
A+ A A-	97-100 93-96 90-93	Competent with Distinction
B+ B B-	87-89 83-86 80-82	Competent
C+ C C-	77-79 73-76 70-73	*Basic Competence
**NYC	Less than 70	Not Yet Competent

*Course credit will be issued upon earning an overall grade of 70% or better AND a 70% or better in all competencies

**Students scoring below a 70 in one or more course competencies will receive an overall course grade in the Not Yet Competent range.

Rationale for the 70 %



- 95% of staff surveyed supported the 70%
- Students will strive for the bar that we set
- 301 students passed with a C- or better (semester 1)
- 19 students passed with a D+ (semester 1)
- State Civics Exam requirement is a 70% or better
- Supports our Core Values and Beliefs

*“At Raymond High School we value **high levels of learning** for all. Through innovation, collaboration, and encouragement, we challenge each student with a rigorous and relevant program. “*

*“Our community is committed to providing a safe, **rigorous**, and relevant learning environment”.*

- **Supported by the RHS Site Council**

Staff & Site Council Feedback:

*“Love that the scale goes A-C.
There will be no questions about
what is passing (D, D+, D-)”*

*“ Like it! The confusion of the D/D-
is gone”*

*The established minimum grade for any
level of mastery at 70 is clear, meaningful,
and attainable.*

*RHS Site council did not see much of an issue with the 2 pt
difference*

The % is much clearer for all

**Makes it much clearer for sports
eligibility**

**This is easy to understand for students,
parents, and teachers.**

***Districts with similar cut-offs for passing/failing**

Grade on % with 70% cutoff	Grade on 4 pt or letter scale with pass/fail cutoff
Bedford	Souhegan C-/2 passing (1.99 failing)
Sanborn	Pembroke C-/2 passing (1.99 failing)
Oyster River	Nashua North & South C-/passing
Portsmouth	Epping 2 passing
Coe-Brown	Souhegan C-/ 2 passing
Profile	Concord 2.5
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***Information came from their published Student Handbooks**



QUESTIONS?