

## Grade Weights for Grades 3-8

Parents,

This link has been developed and included in our district website to make available to all stakeholders critical information about the manner in which student grades are developed. We hope that you will use the information below to clarify your child's grades and to provide him/her with assistance in areas of need. Weights have been assigned to subject areas in schools where the Pinnacle grading system is being used: Lonoke Elementary School, Lonoke Middle School, and Lonoke High School. As we continue to develop this link, more courses will be added to provide a comprehensive list. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact your school administrator for assistance. Thank you for your continued support.

In order to clarify grades in the Pinnacle grading software, please read the following:

Access Pinnacle Viewer in the district website by choosing the "Schools" link, selecting the school in which your child is enrolled, and clicking the "Pinnacle Viewer" link on the left hand side of the page. To log in, you will need to enter your child's "ID" and "Password" (each student in grades 3-12 was assigned an ID number and password earlier in the year). Go to the left side of the page under "Class Reports" and select the subject or course you would like to view. Under "Report" you should see "Student Assignments". Select the grading period or "Marking Period") you would like to view and click "Get Report". At the bottom of the page, you should see a table that looks like this:

CATEGORY	WEIGHT	POINTS/MAX PTS.	PERCENT	LETTER
Writing	50	34 / 40	85%	B
Class work	20	81 / 110	74%	C
Tests	30	60 / 66	91%	A
<b>FINAL GRADE:</b>			<b>85%</b>	<b>B</b>

In this example, the final grade generated by the computer is 85%. The formula used to determine the final grade is Weight X Points ÷ Max or Points Possible. Repeat this process for each category and then add all the answers.

Writing:  $50 \times 34 \div 40 = 42.5$

Class work:  $20 \times 81 \div 110 = 14.7$

Tests:  $30 \times 60 \div 66 = 27.3$

$42.5 + 14.7 + 27.3 = 84.7$  Correct Final Grade

Note: Final grades will not be accurate until grades are posted for each category.

### GRADE WEIGHTS BY SUBJECT AREA

#### MATHEMATICS

Math (3-5)

- a. Tests – 60%
- b. Quizzes – 10%
- c. Writing/OR – 20%
- d. Homework – 5%
- e. Class work – 5%

Math (6-8, Integrated Algebra

- A, Algebra I)
- a. Tests – 80%
- b. Quizzes – 10%
- c. Class work – 5%
- d. Homework – 5%

Resource Math (6-8)

- a. Tests – 30%
- b. Quizzes – 20%
- c. Class work – 20%
- d. Journals – 20%
- e. Homework – 10%

#### SCIENCE

Science (3-5)

- a. Tests – 60%
- b. Labs – 20%
- c. Writing (Data-Based & OR) – 10%
- d. Homework – 5%
- e. Class work – 5%

Science (6-8)

- a. Tests – 60%
- b. Labs – 20%
- c. Writing – 10%
- d. Class work – 10%

Resource Science (6-8)

- a. Tests – 40%
- b. Class work and Labs – 30%
- c. Reading and Writing – 30%

## LANGUAGE ARTS

### Language Arts (3-5)

- a. Tests – 50%
- b. Domain Writing – 30%
- c. Class work – 20%

### Spelling (3-5)

- a. Tests – 90%
- b. Class work – 10%

### Reading (3-5)

- a. Tests – 50%
- b. Writing – 20%
- c. Class work – 20%
- d. Accelerated Reading - 10%

### Language Arts (6)

- a. Writing – 50%
- b. Tests – 25%
- c. Grammar – 25%

### Reading (6)

- a. Reading/Writing – 50%
- b. Tests – 25%
- c. Vocabulary – 25%

### Language Arts (7, 8)

- a. Writing – 35%
- b. Reading – 30%
- c. Tests – 25%
- d. Class work – 10%

### Resource Language Arts (6-8)

- a. Writing – 40%
- b. Tests – 20%
- c. Quizzes – 10%
- d. Homework – 10% %
- e. Journal Writing – 10%
- f. Class work – 10%

### Resource Reading (6-8)

- a. Writing – 35%
- b. Reading – 25%
- c. Class work – 25%
- d. Homework – 15%

## SOCIAL STUDIES

### Social Studies (3-5)

- a. Tests – 60%
- b. Quizzes – 20%
- c. Writing – 10%
- d. Class work – 5%
- e. Homework – 5%

### Social Studies (6-8)

- a. Tests – 50%
- b. Class work – 25%
- c. Writing – 10%
- d. Quizzes – 15%

### Resource Social Studies (6-8)

- a. Tests – 40%
- b. Class work – 30%
- c. Reading and Writing – 30%

## OTHER COURSES

### Art (6-8)

- a. Projects/Tests – 80%
- b. Journal Entries/Quizzes – 10%
- c. Paragraphs/Worksheets – 10%

### Business Department

- a. Tests – 35%
- b. Projects – 35%
- c. Class work – 25%
- d. Literacy (Technical reading/writing) – 5%

### Family Consumer Sciences

- a. Tests – 40%
- b. Quizzes – 20%
- c. Labs or Projects – 30%
- d. Class work – 10%

### Physical Education

- a. Participation – 80%
- b. Tests/Quizzes – 20%