

MARION SCHOOL DISTRICT 60-3	NEPN Code: IK
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The philosophy of the Board concerning academic achievement is based on the premise that students have diverse capabilities and interests and individual patterns of growth and learning. Therefore the Board feels that it is important that teachers use and report factual information and multiple assessments of the students through tests and observations which measure the students' intelligence, achievement, work habits, skills, health, and home environment.

GRADING

The purpose of grading is to communicate student achievement to interested stakeholders (students, parents, colleges, and other institutions). Grades and report cards will accurately reflect the achievement of the outcomes as defined by the state standards, curriculum and/or individual program plan. Grades are determined based on evidence from assessments, both formative and summative. Students are required to submit both formative and summative tasks by due dates. Practices related to supporting students in meeting these requirements are outlined in course syllabi and/or student handbooks.

GRADE REPORTS

The school year is divided into two semesters, each 2 quarters in length. Report cards are created and distributed after each quarter has ended. More frequent reports of student progress may be shared with students and parents as noted in the student or teacher handbooks. Where applicable, parents and students can access grades through Infinite Campus at any time.

GROUP WORK

Cooperative learning is a valuable instructional tool for developing life skills. Learning from others and helping others learn are essential elements of the learning community. Students will be given the opportunity to work collaboratively in some courses. Group work or collaborative work will be graded according to the guidelines in the course.

EXTRA CREDIT

The purpose of extra credit is to provide additional academic work in order to enhance the learning of course standards. Nonacademic work will not count for extra credit. The application of extra credit must be in compliance with the guidelines in the student handbook.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Constitution of the State of South Dakota, Art. VIII, Sec. 17
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SDCL 13-43-1; 6-1-2

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