

Marston Middle School Grading Policies

ACADEMIC GRADES

At Marston Middle School, students' academic grades are a reflection of course standards mastery, effort and growth.

Each Marston teacher creates a syllabus that contains an overview of the course-specific standards and grading policies. Teachers communicate the assignments, indicate how the assignments are scored and regularly post the scores on Powerschool. Unless otherwise stated in the syllabus, the academic grade completely resets at the semester. Six-week progress reports (P1, P2, P3 and P4) are merely updates. Progress report errors will be updated in Powerschool but will likely not result a retroactive progress report grade change.

California Education Code 49066(a)

When grades are given for any course of instruction taught in a school district, the grade given to each pupil shall be the grade determined by the teacher of the course and the determination of the pupil's grade by the teacher, in the absence of clerical or mechanical mistake, fraud, bad faith, or incompetency, shall be final.

SDUSD Administrative Procedure 4705 Progress Reporting for Grades 7-12

Link: https://www.sandiegounified.org/sites/default/files_link/district/files/dept/superintendent/pp4705.pdf

CITIZENSHIP GRADES

At Marston Middle School, students' citizenship grades are a reflection of students' participation, behavior and attendance.

SDUSD definition of citizenship grades:

Reflections of the teacher's impression of the general behavior, attitudes, values, and habits of an individual student in the school community. These marks are indices of the student's ability to participate effectively in a democratic society. They measure personal qualities, not academic performance, and therefore should not be equated with the academic scale.

Marston teachers calculate citizenship grades by matching their observations over 6-weeks to the Marston Citizenship Grading Rubric. Parents and students interested in knowing citizenship grades between progress reports should contact the teacher directly.

At Marston Middle School, the default citizenship grade for all students is an "S." As described in the citizenship grade rubric, "above and beyond" contributions are needed to earn a "G" or an "E." Citizenship grades on each progress report (P1, P2, P3 and P4) reflect only the student behavior observed within that specific grading period. The semester (S1 and S2) citizenship grades reflect the student's citizenship over the entire semester.

Link to Marston's Citizenship Grading Rubric: <https://www.sandiegounified.org/schools/marston/citizenship-grades>

SDUSD Administrative Procedure 4710: Citizenship Grading and Evaluation and Academic Honesty:

https://www.sandiegounified.org/sites/default/files_link/district/files/procedures/pp4710.pdf