

Cabin John Middle School

A Parent Resource to Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Grading & Reporting

1. *How can I monitor my child's grades?*

- Activate your parent Edline account (contact your child's counselor if you have not received your parent activation code).
- Provide a current email address in your Edline account to allow for communication regarding posting of new grade reports.
- Refer to these directions to check grade reports and daily calendars for assignments.

http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/cabinjohnms/flyers/Edline-Checking_Grades_Assignments.pdf

2. *What is the procedure to follow if I have a question about my child's grade?*

- Follow MCPS policy and procedure
- <http://www.mcps.k12.md.us/info/grading/documents/supporting/GradingProceduresAnsweringQuestions.pdf>

3. *Where can I find general information about the grading and reporting procedures at Cabin John Middle School?*

- Please refer to the Parent Info section on the Cabin John Middle School webpage.
- http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/cabinjohnms/flyers/CJ_GR_Procedures8-08.pdf

4. *How are my child's grades calculated?*

- Graded assignments will be included in 3 categories: Homework for Practice and Preparation 5%, Formative Assessments 70%, and Summative Assessments 25%.
- Departments and course-alike teams will determine which tasks/assignments will be entered in each category.
- Assignments are weighted according to the degree of their importance. Students are usually notified of the weight of the assessments as they are assigned. Weights are displayed with each assignment on Edline.
- Other assignments are given a non-numerical value to communicate success in the learning skills categories of *participation* and *assignment completion*. These two categories are not counted toward the marking period grade but will be reflected on the report card in the Learning Skills area.

5. Are my child's grade rounded?

- Each individual assignment is not rounded. Teachers will record grades with the most precision appropriate for the task/assessment using percentages to the nearest tenth. The final marking period grade will be rounded up to the next whole number when a percentage yields a decimal of five tenths or more.

6. What is the value of each letter grade?

90-100 A Outstanding level of performance

80-89 B High level of performance

70-79 C Acceptable level of performance

60-69 D Minimal level of performance

0-59 E Unacceptable level of performance

- http://www.mcps.k12.md.us/info/grading/documents/supporting/SEC_Grading_Procedures.pdf

7. Do CJMS teachers count homework for practice or preparation as part of the grade?

- Homework for *practice or preparation* for instruction will be worth 5% of the marking period grade
- Homework *evaluated for learning* will be graded and counted toward the marking period grade as a formative assessment.
- http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/cabinjohnms/flyers/CJ_GR_Procedures8-08.pdf

8. How does MCPS define the special scores as they appear on the Edline grade reports?

- GRADED ASSIGNMENTS
X = Excused Assignment
Z = Missing Assignment (not turned in or completed by due date) calculating as zero
- ASSIGNMENT COMPLETION
Yes
Some
No
Late
- PARTICIPATION
P - Participated
MP - Moderate Participation
NP - No Participation

9. Where can I find specific information about my child's courses?

- Refer to Course Overview page of Cabin John Middle School Website
- http://www.mcps.k12.md.us/schools/cabinjohnms/course_overviews.htm

10. Where do I look to address additional questions?

- MCPS Grading and Reporting website
- <http://www.mcps.k12.md.us/info/grading/>