

## White County Middle School Grading Policy

The purpose of grading is to communicate the academic progress of WCMS students to the students, their families, and their teachers. Grading practices will provide feedback, communicate mastery of objectives, modify and enhance instruction, and set learning goals. There is a balance between the weight given to student performance on the Core Assessments, given twice each nine weeks, and student work in the class room. Each of the two main components, the assessment grades and student work, will be equal to 50% of the student's nine weeks grade. Student grades will be comprised of the following components:

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| ✓ <b>Mid Term Core Assessment:</b>   | 25%         |
| ○ Mastery of State Standards-based test given around 4 weeks                     |             |
| ✓ <b>Nine Weeks Core Assessment:</b>   | 25%         |
| ○ Mastery of State Standards-based test given at 9 weeks                         |             |
| ✓ <b>Academic Achievement:</b>   | 35%         |
| ○ Class assignments, quizzes, projects, and unit tests                           |             |
| ✓ <b>Academic Practice:</b>  | 15%         |
| ○ Independent practice of skills taught in class through<br>homework assignments | _____       |
| ✓ <b>Final Nine Weeks Grade</b>  | <b>100%</b> |
| <b>** No Extra Credit</b>  |             |

**TCAP Assessment:** Student results on the TCAP assessment will be calculated as 15% of the second semester average.

**Incomplete/Inadequate Work:** WCMS has a “Zeros are Not Permitted” policy. The Saturday School program provides an opportunity for students to revise or complete class assignments. While grades at WCMS are important, our goal is to provide students with the skills to reason and problem solve that will carry them into their high school years and beyond. We try to instill students with the incentive to complete work with their highest ability and develop an initiative to master the standards.

- ✓ Students scoring below 75% may correct the assignment. A student will be allowed to earn up to 75% on makeup work.
- ✓ Students will be allowed 1 opportunity to correct an assignment and the correction must be made within 3 days of the original assignment.
- ✓ This policy is in effect for Saturday School. A student will be allowed to earn up to 75% on Saturday School Work.