

## **ILTEXAS GRADING PROGRAM & PROMOTION STANDARDS,**

Grading and reporting should focus on student growth and learning in a climate of high expectations. Instructional emphasis should be placed on the accomplishment of defined school goals. Student progress will be assessed every six-weeks, using several rubrics, which include portfolios, verbal assessments and written formats, such as tests and quizzes. Additionally, students will be administered an End of Cycle Assessment (ECA) at the end of each grading period.

### **OTHERS BEFORE SELF SERVICE LEARNING PROJECT**

In order to both teach and highlight our “Others Before Self” motto in theory and action, every student at ILTexas will need to complete an “Others Before Self” service learning project in collaboration with their grade level peers. Further, ILTexas high school students are required to complete a total of 60 service hours by the time they graduate (or 15 hours for every year they attend ILTexas). These credit hours can be completed outside of the school and they can be completed during their class service project. The hours need to be turned in monthly to their counselor using the ILTexas Community Volunteer Service Hours Tracking Sheet.

### **TEST RETAKES FOR GRADES 2-12**

Students who earn a grade below 70 on a test are eligible for a retake (with the exception of district benchmarks and high school semester exams). The student may not earn a grade higher than a 70%. The score recorded on the grade book will be the higher of the two. Tests may be retaken only once. Re-takes must be done within 10 instructional days.

### **LATE WORK FOR GRADES 3-5**

All assignments are expected to be turned in on time. If assignments are turned in late, the grade will be affected by the following adjustments:

- On the 1st day of class that the assignment is due, the student will be able to earn a maximum grade of 100%.
- On the 2nd day of class, the student will be able to earn a maximum grade of 90%.
- On the 3rd day of class, the student will be able to earn a maximum grade of 70%.

### **LATE WORK FOR GRADES 6-12**

All assignments are expected to be turned in on time. Students who turn in assignments one class period or more after the due date will earn a maximum grade of 70%. Additionally, students who turn in work two or more days after the due date may face further discipline consequences (see table below). Students who attend after-school tutoring or Saturday tutoring may be able to earn grades above the minimum (based on campus principal and instructor discretion).

- On time: Maximum grade of 100%
- One Class Period Late: Maximum grade of 70%

### **HOMEWORK AND TEST PROCEDURE FOR GRADES 1-12**

It is the student’s responsibility to turn in homework on the assigned date. When absent, students must obtain the missed assignments and make up the work in accordance with the procedure for excused absences. Please reference ILTexas.org for links to teacher pages for class specific information.

### MANDATORY HOMEWORK ACADEMY

Failure is not an option at ILTexas, and our objective is to ensure that every student demonstrates “Mastery of the Material.” Students are expected to complete and to turn in their homework or other assignments when they are due. For students in grades 4 and higher, failure to turn in homework will result in the student being required to stay at school that day to complete the assignment. Parents will be contacted by School Messenger that the student will be staying that day to complete the assignment. The details of each campus Homework Academy will be determined at the campus level by the Campus Principal.

### MAKING UP WORK FOR EXCUSED ABSENCES

Students who have missed work due to an excused absence have as many class days to make up the work as they were absent. All work assigned before the student absence will be due the day the student returns to class. If a student misses one class, the student will have one additional class day to turn in the assignment.

If a student has missed several days due to an excused absence, parents should contact the teacher to determine a reasonable plan to help their child catch up on missed work. The late work procedure does not apply to an excused absence.

### MAKING UP WORK FOR UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

Students with unexcused absences are required to make-up and demonstrate mastery for all missed daily work. Major work may be made up; however, the grade will be no higher than 70%.

### PROMOTION STANDARDS

In order for ILTexas students to be promoted to the next grade level, students must demonstrate proficiency in the subject matter of the course or grade level. To earn credit in a course, a student must demonstrate mastery on grade level standards and meet ILTexas’ requirements for attendance. For English Language Learners, the Grade Placement Committee (GPC) in consultation with the Language Proficiency Assessment Committee (LPAC) will determine promotion standards. For students with disabilities, the student’s ARD/IEP committee will determine the promotion status based on mastery of IEP goals and objectives and /or course requirements.

Additionally, the Texas Legislature created The Student Success Initiative (SSI) to ensure that students receive the instruction and support they need to be academically successful in reading and mathematics. Under SSI, students in 5th and 8th grade must pass the STAAR reading and math tests.

ILTexas Promotion standards include:

Grade Level	Promotion Standards
<u>KINDER AND 1</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Students must make satisfactory progress (S) towards mastery of at least 70% of the grade level TEKS delineated on the report card.</li><li>• Students must have sufficient attendance*</li></ul>

<u>2</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students must pass High Frequency Word Test – Recognizing and reading words that appear very often in written and spoken language.</li> <li>• State requirement of overall yearly average of 70 or above and local requirement of an average of 70 or above in reading/language arts, mathematics, and science or social studies.</li> <li>• Students must have sufficient attendance*</li> </ul>
<u>3, 4 AND 5</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students must pass STAAR (State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness) in reading and math. If STAAR is not mastered, the campus GPC may take into consideration locally developed assessments that assess the same TEKS measured on STAAR.</li> <li>• State requirement of overall yearly average of 70 or above and local requirement of an average of 70 or above in reading, other language arts, mathematics, and science or social studies.</li> <li>• Students must have sufficient attendance*</li> </ul>
<u>6, 7 AND 8</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students must pass STAAR in reading and math.</li> <li>• A student who fails (under 70% average) two (2) or more core classes may not advance to the next grade.</li> <li>• If the above criteria is not met, the campus GPC may take into consideration locally developed assessments that assess the same TEKS measured on STAAR.</li> <li>• Students must have sufficient attendance*</li> </ul>
<u>9 – 12</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students are promoted based on their total accumulated course credits prior to the beginning of the next school year.</li> <li>• Individual course credit is earned through a passing grade of 70% or above and sufficient attendance*</li> </ul>

\*Sufficient attendance: A student's total number of absences should not exceed 10% of class meetings from the date of enrollment.

If a student in grade 5 or 8 is enrolled in a course that earns high school credit and for which an end-of-course ("EOC") assessment will be administered, the student will not be subject to the promotion requirements described above for the relevant grade 5 or 8 assessment. However, for federal accountability purposes, the student may be required to take both the grade level and EOC assessment.

If a student in grade 8 is enrolled in a class or course intended for students above his or her current grade level in which the student will be administered a state-mandated assessment, the student will be required to take an applicable state mandated assessment only for the course in which he or she is enrolled, unless otherwise required to do so by federal law.

#### GPA EXEMPT COURSES

All courses taken during the regular school year at ILTexas shall count toward GPA except for the following: aide positions, study hall, peer tutoring, college credits that are not dual credits credit by examination credits, & SAT prep class.

### CALCULATION OF WEIGHTED LOCAL GPA

Only courses taken at ILTexas count towards local GPA. Local GPA is based on a 100-point scale. Further, weightings are based on the following scale:

<i>Advance Placement/Dual Credit</i>	<i>1.15</i>
<i>Honors/Pre-AP</i>	<i>1.1</i>
<i>All other courses</i>	<i>1</i>

### VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN REQUIREMENTS

Graduating seniors with the highest and second highest cumulative local weighted grade point average as determined at the end of the spring semester of the senior year and carried out three decimal places, will be eligible to serve as the Valedictorian and Salutatorian respectively. In the event of a tie for Valedictorian, the student with the highest number of AP and Dual Credit classes taken shall be declared the Valedictorian. If still tied, the person with the highest SAT score will be designated Valedictorian. All courses and corresponding numeric grades earned to determine GPA must not be modified in content and must be identified by the state as a regular, honors, and/or AP course in order to qualify for Valedictorian and Salutatorian.

Each ILTexas High School shall have a Valedictorian and Salutatorian. Candidates shall be in attendance at the awarding High School continuously, commencing with enrollment no later than the first day of the second six-week grading period of the student's junior year until graduation. The Valedictorian shall be the eligible graduate with the highest local GPA; the Salutatorian shall be the eligible graduate with the second highest local GPA.

### GRADING SYSTEM AND GRADE REPORTING

#### ***Kindergarten and 1st Grade Standard Based Report Cards***

- E - Excellent** Progress towards mastering standard
- S - Satisfactory** Progress towards mastering standard
- N - Needs Support**
- U - Unsatisfactory** progress towards mastering standard
- M - Met** Standard

Student academic evaluation is achieved through the use of a grading system. An average grade of 70 is required for successful completion of a course. The grading system of ILTexas shall be in accordance with the following scale:

<u>On 100 Scale:</u>		<u>On 4.0 Scale</u>
A	90 – 100	4.0
B	80 – 89	3.0
C	70 – 79	2.0
*D	70	1.0 (for transfer of grades from <b><u>dual credit</u></b> courses)
F	69 and below	0.0

To earn credit in a course, a student must receive a grade of 70 or higher based upon specific course or campus standards and meet minimum attendance requirements. Guidelines for grading must be in compliance with district policy and shall be communicated to students and parents upon the student's enrollment.

### ***Semester Average***

85% Average of the three grading periods

15% End of semester exam

### ***Six Weeks Averages and Weighting of Grades***

- Students will have a minimum of three grades per week per subject entered into the gradebook.
- Students will have a minimum of three exam or major project grades per grading cycle entered into the gradebook.
- Quizzes shall be weighted as exams

K-2: Exams and Major Projects- 50%, Daily Assignments and Homework – 50%

3-5: Exams and Major Projects- 50%, Daily Assignments and Homework – 50%

6-8: Exams and Major Projects- 50%, Daily Assignments and Homework – 50%

9-12: Exams and Major Projects- 50%, Daily Assignments and Homework – 50%

One-half credit may be earned in one semester. Students who fail either semester of a yearlong course may be permitted to continue the course and by cumulative grade average of 70 or higher for both semesters to receive credit for both semesters. Grades from correspondence courses, credit by exam, summer school, online courses, dual credit courses or credit recovery may be averaged with regular session semester grades to earn credit for both semesters of a yearlong course.

