

## DMPS GUIDING PRACTICES

Des Moines Public Schools commits to all stakeholders to provide **fair, accurate, specific, and timely** information regarding student progress towards agreed-upon common standards as well as feedback for next steps and growth areas.

*Six Guiding Practices*  
Implemented district-wide  
to serve as a common framework

### Guiding Practice 1

A consistent 4 point grading scale will be used.

### Guiding Practice 2

Letter grades, derived from the 4-point scale, will be based solely on achievement of course/grade level standards. Student participation, work completion, and ability to work with others will be reported separately using the "DMPS Citizenship and Employability Skills Rubric."

### Guiding Practice 3

Scores will be based on a body of evidence.

### Guiding Practice 4

Achievement will be organized and reported by learning topic, which will be converted to a grade at semester's end

### Guiding Practice 5

Students will have multiple opportunities to demonstrate proficiency.

### Guiding Practice 6

Accommodations and modifications will be provided for exceptional learners.

For more information on standards-referenced grading visit  
<http://grading.dmschools.org>



## STANDARDS-REFERENCED GRADING

PARENT COMMUNICATION  
AND  
INFINITE CAMPUS



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## Accessing the Portal

- Using the login information provided by your school.
- Log onto Infinite Campus Parent Portal.
- Choose your student from the drop down menu.

Infinite Campus Transforming K12 Education

Campus Portal

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## How can I tell how well my child is doing if grades don't get assigned until the end of the semester?

Scores in the SRG gradebook are progressive.

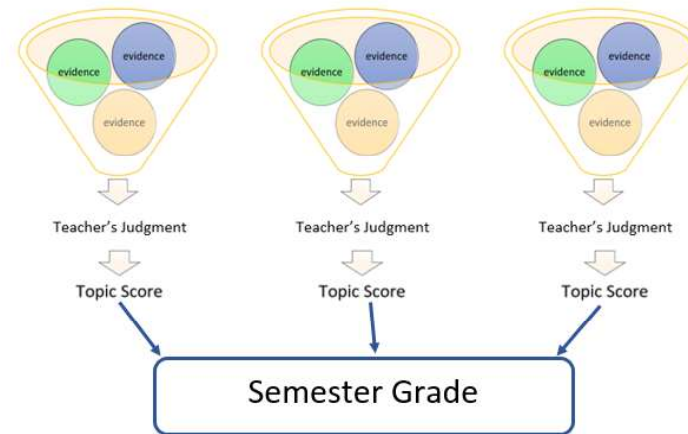
Students submit work, assignments, or evidence which is recorded into the gradebook as part of a **full body of evidence** that the teacher will use to determine progress.

The teacher's judgment will be used to determine topic scores based on the **whole body of evidence** students develop.

**Topic scores** are assigned when enough evidence is collected.

As additional evidence is collected **topic scores** can change.

**Topic scores** are then averaged by Infinite Campus to determine the semester grade.



## Viewing Grades

Select Grades from the menu on the left

Sample Student

13-14 McCombs Middle School  
Student Number: 123456  
Grade: 07

Samantha

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Recently scored assignments/evidence are found on the top of the page.

Posted	Course	Assignment	Score
3 days ago	LA701 - 7 Language Arts S1	Employability Topic Score	3
3 days ago	LA701 - 7 Language Arts S1	Employability Topic Score	2
2 days ago	LA701-1 7 Language Arts S1	Teacher's Name	
	Analyzing Textual Evidence		1 2 2.00% 2.0

View more detailed information, such as the individual pieces of evidence with scores, by clicking on the course or assignment links (all click-able links are blue)