



Clark Public Schools Carl H. Kumpf Middle School

59 Mildred Terrace • Clark, New Jersey 07066
732-381-0400 (Telephone) • 732-381-0262 (Facsimile)

Richard Delmonaco
Principal

Amanda J. Clarke
Assistant Principal

November 13, 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we near the end of the first marking period, I wanted to provide clarification about the grading system at Carl H. Kumpf School. Below is a summary of the Carl H. Kumpf Middle School Grading System, which includes report card grades, honor roll, final average calculation, grade point average, and weighted grade point average. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the main office or the guidance department.

Sincerely,

Rick Delmonaco
Principal

OVERALL GRADING SYSTEM and EQUIVALENTS

| <u>ALPHA</u> | | <u>NUMERIC</u> | <u>SCALE VALUE</u> |
|--------------|---|----------------|--------------------|
| A+ | = | 97-100 | = 4.5 |
| A | = | 90-96 | = 4.0 |
| B+ | = | 87-89 | = 3.5 |
| B | = | 80-86 | = 3.0 |
| C+ | = | 77-79 | = 2.5 |
| C | = | 70-76 | = 2.0 |
| D+ | = | 67-69 | = 1.5 |
| D | = | 60-66 | = 1.0 |
| F | = | below 60 | = 0.0 |

REPORT CARD GRADES

- Each marking period grade is calculated using the above Alpha Grades; The Alpha Grade is calculated from the numeric number that appears in the teacher's gradebook in the student management system for each marking period
- Each marking period numeric and alpha grade are independent of each other
- Midterm and final exams will appear as a number grade for reference purposes only; midterm grades and final exam grades are included as part of the respective marking period grades (second MP for midterms; fourth MP for finals)
- The final end of year average is calculated by using each marking period's **actual** numeric value for each course and dividing by four (representing the four marking periods). The final average is then converted to the overall Alpha Grade by the management system.

ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

Students will be listed on the Principal's List or Honor Roll at the end of each marking period if they qualify as follows:

- **Principal's List** An unweighted overall average of 4.25, with no grade lower than 4.0 (A)
- **Honor Roll** An unweighted overall average of 3.75, with no grade lower than 3.5 (B+)
- Math and English are “doubled” in the grade average calculation

WEIGHTED GPA vs. STANDARD GPA

- Weighted GPA is used only to calculate GPA for National Junior Honor Society eligibility (see website for NJHS requirements) and to determine the valedictorian and salutatorian in eighth grade; there is no ranking of students other than the valedictorian/salutatorian
- Standard GPA is used to calculate the Principal's List and Honor Roll; When calculating GPA (and/or weighted GPA) Math and Language Arts are “doubled” since both classes are double periods
- Only Math and Language Arts honors courses receive a weighted value as follows:
Category 1 (Required Courses) No Weight; Category 2 (Honors Courses) Weighted Value = 0.5

EIGHTH GRADE RECOGNITION

- There is no ranking of students (with the exception of the valedictorian and salutatorian)
- Eighth Grade students in the top decile (10%) of the class are recognized with a gold award and at the commencement ceremony with honor chords; second decile students receive a silver award
- Eighth graders who have attained Principal's List and/or Honor Roll every marking period of middle school will be recognized at an Honor Roll reception at the end of the year