

Virginia Beach City Public Schools
Methods of Grading Suggested Guidelines for the Pinnacle Gradebook
Category Level of Grading (Define/Categories)

Averaging: Total numeric grades and divide by the number of grades. Always used as the Method of Grading for Define/Courses, Define/Semesters, Define Quarters (with the exception of Elementary Math). Also used at the Category level (Define/Categories) at Secondary Schools for the 5-Point Scale and the 4-Point Scale

Sum of Scores / Number of Scores

$$(A + B + C) / 3$$

Example: (50% + 90% + 80%) / 3 = 73.3%

Raw Score Conversion to Percent (to arrive at the Category grade):

Divide each score by the maximum points possible to calculate a percentage score; then average those percentages together. Only appropriate at the Category level for the “Weighted Categories” approach to Grading

Sum of (Percent Correct on Each Score) / Number of Scores

$$(A/A1 + B/B1 + C/C1) / 3$$

Example: (5/10 + 18/20 + 80/100) / 3 =
(50% + 90% + 80%) / 3 = 73.3%

Summation Percentage (to arrive at the Category grade): Total the numeric scores for each assignment within a Category and divide by the total points possible for that Category. Always use this Method of Grading when using a “Total Points” approach to grading or a “Total Points with Weighted Categories” approach to Grading. Works equally well with a “Weighted Categories” approach to Grading and provides a greater benefit to students for the same scores as compared with Raw Score Conversion to Percent (for Weighted Categories)

Sum of Scores / Sum of Maximum Possible Scores

$$(A + B + C) / (A1 + B1 + C1)$$

Example: (5 + 18 + 80) / (10 + 20 + 100) = 103 / 130 = 79.2%