

# NSMS Grading Overview



As a personalized learning campus, assessment **of and for** learning occurs using three instruments: the Cognitive Skills Rubric, the Concept Unit Rubric, and Focus Area Assessments. Students' grades in each course are determined using a combination of inputs from these instruments and represented as a percent grade and a letter grade.

Below is an explanation on how each content area is weighted in relation to a student's grade.

English, Science and Social Studies	Math
<p><b>70%</b> of Course Grade comes from scores on <b>Cognitive Skills</b> demonstrated in <b>Projects</b></p> <p><b>30%</b> of Course Grade comes from passing Content Assessments for <b>Focus Areas</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Power Focus Areas are worth 21%</li> <li>• Additional Focus Areas are worth 9%</li> </ul>	<p><b>80%</b> of a course's grade is based on a student's score in <b>Concept Units</b></p> <p><b>20%</b> of Course Grade comes from passing Content Assessments for <b>Focus Areas</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Power Focus Areas are worth 14%</li> <li>• Additional Focus Areas are worth 6%</li> </ul>

## POWER FOCUS AREAS:

- Students must pass all Content Assessments in Power Focus Areas to pass a course. If a student does not complete all Power Focus Areas, he or she will receive an incomplete on his/her overall grade.
- Students get incremental % grade increase as they progress through the FAs (both power and additional).
- If the pace students are completing PFAs is not on track to pass all of them by year's end, they will have an "OFF-TRACK." If they are off track at the end of the year, their final grade will be an "Incomplete"

## ADDITIONAL FOCUS AREAS:

- Additional Focus Areas represent 6 percentage points of a student's overall grade.

## CHALLENGE FOCUS AREAS:

- Challenge Focus Areas allow students to go above and beyond or prepare for standardized tests.

**OFF-TRACK:** Potential reasons for incomplete grades = being Off-Track. Students are Off-Track in any of the following cases:

- Students may not have completed all Projects in a course
- Students have a Cognitive Skill score or Math Concept score below 70%
- Students are off pace, or off track, on Power Focus Areas

Letter grades are given according to the chart below:

Percentage Grade	Letter Grade
90-100	A
80-89	B
75-79	C
70-74	D
0-69	OT (Off-Track)

## Accessing Your Students Progress and Performance 24/7

We encourage all parents/guardians to access the parent account online. The parent account allows you 24/7 access to real-time grades, projects, content, and much more.

## Parent's Access the Sullivan Learning Platform (SLP)

<https://www.summitlearning.org/parents/login>

## NSMS Mission:

Dedicated to maximizing student engagement by using a mentor-driven, learner-centered approach to develop students' cognitive skills and content knowledge, equipping students with vital habits needed to be successful in high school, college, and in life.