

## Academic Policies

### Grading Policies

#### Averaging

Six weeks grades shall be obtained by averaging daily work and major grades. (Daily work is defined as homework, class work, daily or pop test grades, etc.; major grades as chapter tests, unit tests, announced projects, or papers, etc.)

Averaging for grades six through twelve (6-12) shall be as follows:

Six weeks average:

- The daily grade average shall represent one-half (1/2) of the grade. The major test/project average shall represent one-half (1/2) of the grade. This may be accomplished as follows:

Daily grade average	88
Major grade average	<u>75</u>
Calculation of six weeks grade	163 divided by 2 = 82

- There shall be a minimum of eight (8) separate daily grades and three (3) separate major grades each six (6) weeks. At least one major grade and 3 daily grades should be entered by the end of the first three weeks of each six weeks.

Because Advanced Placement classes represent university level work, the daily average shall represent 40% of the grade. The major test average shall represent 60% of the grade.

Students in high school credit courses who receive a failing grade in the first semester are eligible to average their fall and spring semester grades. Policy EI (LOCAL) has been updated to reflect that if a student has a 70 or higher in the second semester and the average grade for both semesters is 70 or higher, the student shall earn credit for both semesters even if the student failed the first semester.

#### Report Cards

Report cards will be sent home with students each six weeks. Students in grades 6-12 are required to return signed report cards to school. Parents of any student receiving failing grade(s) at the end of a six-weeks or semester grading period should schedule a conference with the teacher of the subject.

#### Skyward Family Access

BISD provides parents/guardians the opportunity to monitor student grades and attendance online. Skyward Family Access is the tool used by the district to provide parents the means to monitor their child's progress.

User names and passwords are assigned through the office at your child's school.

#### Semester Examination Exemptions

- Students in grades nine through twelve are eligible for semester examination exemptions based on grades, attendance, and conduct as specified for each class.
- Students in grades nine through eleven are eligible to earn examination exemptions in odd-numbered class periods (1, 3, 5, and 7) at the end of the first semester, and even-numbered class periods (2, 4, and 6) at the end of the second semester. Seniors may earn exemptions from examinations in any class in which they meet eligibility requirements.