

Understanding Grading Practices

SEFE has adopted the belief that in order to accurately display a child's mastery of grade level content over the course of a nine weeks, assessments should be worth 70% of a child's final grade. A valid assessment should be a true measure of student knowledge and performance. Furthermore, a student's letter grade should be a true measure of achievement at each grade level; therefore the unit assessments should account for the majority of a student's final grade. 30% of a student's final grade will be comprised of daily work, homework/practice, and daily participation.

SEFE's goal for every student is to achieve at least 80% mastery on all grade level content. Therefore, students who do not reach 80% on a given unit test will be given the opportunity to receive extra help and instruction, as well as a second chance to reach mastery.

Students not reaching mastery on a given unit test will be provided with remediation during a daily RTI block. After reteaching has occurred, students will be given a second chance to prove mastery over specific skills. If a child improves, his/her grade for the unit test will be increased to a max of 80%.

An example of a child's progress through a unit is as follows:

- Student earns a 65% on unit 1 test. A 65/100 will be recorded on Harmony.
- Because the student did not reach mastery (80%), he/she will be provided remedial services daily during the RTI block. These services will be coordinated by the SEFE Title 1 department.
- After remediation has occurred, the student will be given an opportunity to retest on the specific standard not mastered from the unit test. The student will not be given the entire test a second time; only the specific area not mastered will be reassessed.
- If the student proves mastery on the reassessment, his/her grade will be changed on Harmony to reflect the mastery performance (up to 80% max). For example, if the student's reassessment equals 75%, the teacher will return to Harmony and change the unit 1 test from 65/100 to 75/100.
- ***Please note:*** The max a child can achieve on the reassessment is 80%. Not all students are allowed to retest, but only those who fall below mastery. For example, if a student earns an 85%, he/she will not receive remedial services or be allowed to retest. It is our belief that it would not be fair for a student who received a "second chance" to earn a higher grade than the student who earned an 85% on the first try. *Once again, our goal at SEFE is that all students achieve at least 80% mastery.*