

This term, your student's work will be assessed using the six-point scale. A copy of the scale is included below:

6 Point Score	Letter Grade Earned	Percentage Cutoff	Performance Level	Performance Description
6-5	A+ A A-	100% 90% 83.3%	Expert	The student demonstrates advanced knowledge and skills and applies both in a masterful fashion that shows insight and depth.
4	B+ B B-	78.3% 71.6% 66.6%	Proficient	The student demonstrates strong knowledge and skills and applies both consistently with only minor mistakes or omissions.
3	C+ C C-	61.6% 55% 50%	Apprentice	The student has a basic understanding of content but requires further assistance, study, and practice in order to demonstrate proficiency.
2	D+ D D-	45% 38.3% 33.3%	Novice	Student demonstrates limited understanding of concepts and skills and is not ready to move on to next level.
1	F	16.6%	Unsatisfactory	Student does not demonstrate skills or understanding of content.
Score you will receive on assignments	Letter Grade shown in PowerSchool	Percentage you will see in PowerSchool. This is not the percentage you earned on an assignment.	The above descriptors represent your performance level on skills and concepts.	The above descriptor defines your grade level performance on skills and concepts.

Important things to know:

- Every assessment in the course is still going to be marked as formative (during learning/for learning) or summative (at the end of learning).
- Each assessment will be scored out of six points. For assignments where multiple skills are being assessed (for instance, an essay, which might have five or six skills being evaluated), multiple columns will be used to report scores.
- As parents, looking at how the students are doing is going to be best reflected by the letter grade rather than the percentage. For example, an 84% will read as an A, and a 50% will read as a C-. Ideally, we will be able to track growth in a particular skill (i.e. "How is the student progressing in the organization category of writing assignments?") rather than just "What grade does s/he have?"
- Ultimately, the six-point scale helps students view their abilities in the context of learning proficiencies rather than points. When students understand the criteria upon which they are evaluated and can visualize how to master specific skills, they are more likely to realize learning goals. The 6-point scale minimizes subjectivity and has the capacity to shift the mindset from "learning to earn a grade" to "learning for the sake of learning."

Please let me know if you have questions about this scale as we get started.

Sincerely,