

GRADES, GRADING AND REPORT CARDS

Students and their families have access to faculty grade books via the Gradelink online system. Teachers use Gradelink to keep their grade books for all of their classes, these grades being accessible (view only) to students and their parents in “real time.” The school reserves the right to restrict access to grades for individual parents (should such access be a detriment to students or teachers) and at the end of each semester, giving teachers time to process late grades and exams. The school prints report cards for parents as requested.

Ascension Academy adheres to the following grading rubric for all of its courses:

<u>Performance</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Letter Equivalent</u>	<u>GPA (4.0 scale)</u>
Exemplary	97-100	A+	4.0
High Honors	93-96	A	3.75
Commendable	90-92	A-	3.5
Very Good	87-89	B+	3.25
Honors	83-86	B	3.0
Satisfactory	80-82	B-	2.75
Acceptable	78-79	C+	2.5
Average	75-77	C	2.25
Adequate	73-74	C-	2.0
Passing	70-72	D	1.5
Unacceptable	below 69	F	0.0

Prep and AP classes, given their added difficulty in comparison to non-AP programs at other schools, receive unweighted and weighted grade calculations. Prep classes receive a .5 “bump” and AP classes are given 1 “bump.” These bumps appear only in the final GPA grade reckoning (4.0 base).

A student’s report card lists the numerical average and letter grade equivalent for each class for that marking period. Teachers may also specify their assessments on individual assignments using letter equivalents.

Report cards are published online the week following the end of each grading period and each semester. Grades will be visible to parents and students on *Gradelink*. If a student receives a grade of less than 70 in any course, the parent is requested to schedule a conference with the teacher of that course to explore reasons for the grade and a plan to improve the student’s effort and/or performance.

Report cards and final transcripts are withheld from any family with an outstanding financial obligation to the school.