

# **Academic Guide**

Early Childhood, Elementary and Middle School Divisions

# **GRADING SYSTEM**

## **Grades TK-K**

Students in grades TK-K will receive the following grades for all subjects: S, N, and U.

### **Grade 1 & 2**

Students in grades 1 & 2 will receive letter grades of A, B, C, D, and F for the following subjects: reading, math, English, spelling and conduct.

Students will receive grades in Bible, P.E., music, art, handwriting, social sciences and foreign language as follows:

S – Satisfactory N - Needs Improvement U - Unsatisfactory

#### Grades 3-4

Students in grades 3-4 will receive letter grades of A, B, C, D, and F for the following subjects: reading, math, English, science, social studies, spelling and conduct.

Students will receive grades in Bible, P.E., music, art, handwriting, and foreign language as follows: S – Satisfactory N - Needs Improvement U – Unsatisfactory. A plus or minus may be used at the discretion of each teacher.

#### Grades 5-8

A+	98-100	Α	93-97	A-	90-92
B+	87-89	В	83-86	B-	80-82
C+	77-79	C	73-76	C-	70-72
D+	67-69	D	63-66	D-	60-62
F	Below 60				

Students in grades 5-8 will begin to take midterm and final exams.

To be developmentally responsive to students, exams will be phased in during fifth through eighth grade as follows:

Grade	Exams	Weighting
Fifth Grade	Math	Not weighted
	English	
Sixth Grade	Math	20% of the semester grade
	English	
	Science	
Seventh and Eighth Grade	Math	20% of the semester grade
	English	
	Science	
	8th Grade Social Studies	
	(Any classes taken for high school credit)	

### ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

# **Elementary Division**

# Principal's List

 Students in grades 1-4 with all A's and S's in all subject areas and conduct will receive this award.

#### Honor Roll

- o Students in grades 1-4 must earn A's, B's, & S's in all subject areas and conduct, with the exception of handwriting, to receive Honor Roll.
- A grade of U in any nine-week reporting period will prevent a child from being on the Principal's List or Honor Roll

#### Middle School Division

# Principal's List

- o Students receiving all A's on their report card will be recognized quarterly.
- o End of the year Principal's List receive all A's (non-weighted 4.0) for the year.

#### Honor Roll

 Students receiving an end of year GPA of 3.5 to a 3.9 with no grade lower than a B on their report card for the first three quarters will be recognized at the end of the year.

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# PROMOTION and AWARDING CREDIT

# **Early Childhood & Elementary**

#### • Grades K - 1

O A conference will be held with parents prior to the end of the year. Factors such as personal development, maturity, reading readiness, and number readiness will be discussed. At this time a decision will be made as to whether or not the child would profit by repeating the grade. The Division Head will make the final decision.

# Grades 2 through 4

A student will repeat a grade level if they fail, meaning that the report card reflects a grade
of F for at least two nine-week periods in reading <u>or</u> mathematics, <u>or</u> by the
recommendation of the elementary administration due to academic performance.

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#### Middle School

#### o To receive credit for a course

- Students must earn a semester grade of 60 or above to receive middle school credit for the course.
- Students must earn a 1.0 out of a 4.0 when all four quarters are averaged and must earn a 60 or higher on the semester grade.
- To be promoted to the next grade level...
  - o A student will repeat a grade level if they fail two subjects for the year.
  - o English, mathematics, Bible, social studies, and science are considered core subjects.
  - o Failure means having a semester average below 60, having below a 1.0 on a 4.0 scale, or failing any two nine-weeks.

# **ACT Testing**

Students are required to take the ACT test no later than the fall of their junior year. Students must denote that their scored be reported to Parkview Baptist School with the school code 190218. TO ensure maximum time to raise their score to a satisfactory level to receive TOPS or to broaden other college options, students are encouraged to take the ACT numerous times.

# **Carnegie Units**

Middle School students who take Math or Science for high school credit must earn an A, B or C for both semesters. A grade of D or F will not be posted to the student's high school transcript and the course must be repeated. These students will not be allowed to take honors courses in High School. If a student receives a F during the last quarter, they will not receive credit for the class.

Students who graduate from Parkview Baptist School are required to have at least 28 Carnegie units of credit in an individual program which is cooperatively planned by the student, the student's parents, and the school. PBS students are not permitted to graduate early or "test out" of their senior year and receive a PBS diploma.

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## SUMMER SCHOOL PARTICIPATION

#### **ELEMENTARY**

If an elementary student fails reading or math, summer remedial tutoring may be recommended by the Division Head.

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL

Middle school students who failed one core subject **must** attend an academic summer program approved by the administration.

Any student with an average below a 2.0 in a core subject may be required to attend an academic summer program approved by the administration.

### HONORS CLASSES AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT OPTIONS

### To Qualify for an Honors Course

# **Grades 6-8** Students must meet at least 2 of the following criteria:

- (1) earned a 4.0 GPA in that subject for all quarter grades in the preceding year
- (2) ERB test scores equivalent to at least 85th percentile in the subject from the preceding year
- (3) teacher recommendation

#### **Grades 9 -12** Students must have:

(1) earned a 3.75 GPA in that subject for all quarter grades in the preceding year

#### AND

(2) made no semester grade lower than a

#### To Remain in an

#### **Honors Course the Following Year**

Students must meet at least 2 of the following criteria:

- (1) earned an average 3.5, with no grade of B- or below, in that subject for all quarter grades
- (2) ERB test scores equivalent to at least 85th percentile in the subject
- (3) teacher recommendation

#### Students must have:

(1) maintained a 3.25 GPA in that honors subject for all quarter grades with no quarter grade lower than a C.

#### OR

(2) earned no quarter grade lower than a B

#### AND

(3) made no semester grade lower than a B

The Administration reserves the right to determine final placement for all students. In order to maintain the academic integrity of both the honors program and the college-preparatory curriculum in grades 6-12, a ceiling limit will be placed on class size each year, subject to the Division Head's review and approval.