How often should I check my child's grade status in a class? PowerSchool provides a wonderful resource for students and parents, as it allows easy access to clear and timely grading information. Teachers will be updating grade information regularly (on average at least every two weeks). It is recommended that you do not visit PowerSchool more than once every two weeks to check on grade status. For this tool to yield positive results, it must be used appropriately. It is essential that individual scores not become the focus of daily discussion or a conduit for micromanagement of the learning process. Instead, individual scores are but a piece of the more important big picture, in which a student's degree of consistency, level of effort, and overall pattern of performance are the focus. This will ensure a healthy perspective on the process of academic monitoring.

Use PowerSchool to monitor your child's progress in a way to look for unusual patterns/changes in grades and performance. It is important to realize that the final grade for a course is based on several factors, often including class participation, homework completion, assessment information, projects and performance-based activities (i.e. playing an instrument, group work, etc.) and labs.

What is an "Assignment" in PowerSchool? An assignment is anything that is recorded in the grade book for the student (homework, quiz, test, project, paper, etc.)

What does the assignment "Due Date" mean? The way in which teachers enter scores and due dates of an assignment varies and is somewhat based on individual preference. As shown in PowerSchool, due dates could mean the following:

1. A future date when the assignment will be due and/or recorded.

2. The date the assignment was given.

A typical due date for a homework assignment will be posted the day before the homework assignment is due. Test assignment due dates will be multiple days before the test assignment is given.

The main purpose of the due date feature is to give you prior notice of when the assignment will be due or a test given to your child. Assignments that do not require prior notice (i.e. lab, pop quiz, etc.) will not appear until it is actually recorded in the grade book.

Why does the system for grading vary from class to class? Please keep in mind that teachers have various methods of grading and the number of assignments given varies based on the course content and individual teaching style. For example, a math teacher may assign regular homework assignments and give a test or quiz once a week. An art teacher might base the final grade on several large projects and give little written homework. The science teacher incorporates lab work, homework, and assessment data to calculate a final grade. As a result, there may be a large amount of data available in PowerSchool for one of your child's classes but not for another.

All teachers are required to adhere to the JYK Discovery Charter School grading policy (See Student Handbook).

I've added up the total number of points my student has accumulated in a class and divided it by the total points possible and come up with a different grade than what's showing in PowerSchool. Will you explain? This difference is probably related to the weighting applied according to the teacher's weighted grading scale in place. Tests and quizzes may be weighted differently than homework and projects. This is the teacher's preference in determining the student's level of performance in the class.

What is the proper procedure to follow if I have questions regarding my child's grades in a class? It is best that you contact your child's teacher directly, either by email, voicemail or MyPowerHub School Messenger. This will result in the quickest resolution to your questions. However, it is recommended that you check your child's overall grade on no less than a two-week basis.

Can other people see my child's grades and information? As long as you protect your password, others will not be able to see your child's information.

What do I do if I forgot or lost my password? Please click "Forgot Password" to receive a new password.

Can I have one common login for all my children in the school? Yes, you can add additional children under the Account Preference icon after your account is set up.

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