



Grading, Progress Reporting, and Promotion/Retention

Aurum Prep will implement a highly consistent and clearly codified mastery-based grading system across the school in all classes and at all grade levels. Implementing mastery-based grading will help to ensure that our students progress from grade level to grade level ready to take on the increasing levels of rigor of our course curriculum. The chart below displays Aurum Prep’s grading scale and GPA conversions. Students earn credit in a graded class by earning a grade of 70% or higher.

Letter Grade	GPA	Percentage	Implications
A+	4.0	98-100%	A student earning an A in a course is consistently demonstrating advanced levels of mastery with the content standards.
A	4.0	93-97%	
A-	3.7	90-92%	
B+	3.3	88-89%	A student earning a B in a course is consistently demonstrating proficiency with the content standards.
B	3.0	83-87%	
B-	2.7	80-82%	
C+	2.3	78-79%	A student earning a C in a course is consistently demonstrating basic competency with the content standards.
C	2.0	73-77%	
C-	1.7	70-72%	
D	1.0	60-69%	A student earning a D in a course is not yet demonstrating a consistent level of basic competency with the content standards.
F	0.0	Below 60%	A student earning an F in a course is not yet demonstrating basic competency with the content standards.

There are school-wide standards for grading. Teachers are trained on the school’s policy and will work with the Executive Director, Grade Level Teams, and Department Chairs to ensure that grades are assigned in a fair and consistent manner that correlates with each student’s mastery of the California Standards.

Students and families will receive frequent communication regarding student academic progress. Teachers will call parents of students who are not yet demonstrating mastery to discuss their child’s progress. Student report cards will be distributed at the end of each trimester, and parent conferences will be conducted.

Aurum Prep does not endorse social promotion and is committed to helping students achieve the necessary skills to progress from grade to grade annually. In order to advance to the next grade level each student must earn promotion by demonstrating mastery of essential knowledge and skills. If a student fails to demonstrate mastery for two

consecutive years or more, a promotion decision will be made on a case-by-case basis by the Executive Director in consultation with the student's parent(s) and teachers that takes into account both the student's academic progress as well as the socio-emotional consequences of further retention.

Aurum Prep has clearly defined expectations for what students should know and be able to do at each grade level, in each subject in an effort to equip all students with the academic skills that enable them to be ready for entrance to and success in college.