



# Marking Period Grades in PowerSchool

## Overview of Semesters and Marking Periods

The school year is split into two semesters - in PowerSchool these are recorded as S1 and S2. Each semester is split into 3 marking periods: M1, M2 and M3 for semester 1.

Only the semester grades (S1 and S2) will appear on academic transcripts. The marking period grades will appear during each marking period, showing current student performance.

Teachers determine the final semester grade based on the student's documented performance. Grades are not an accumulated average, nor are they computed by another calculation. They are the teacher's professional judgment according to the standards.

## Viewing and understanding academic grades

How well the student is doing on course content is the Academic Grade. This grade can be seen in the web portal or the app. Clicking on a grade will show the overall teacher comments and a breakdown of classroom assignments.

Web portal view:

Quick Lookup LAS-DY					Quick Lookup LAS-PY					Standards Grades																
Attendance By Class																										
Exp	Last Week					This Week					Course	M1	M2	M3	S1	M4	M5	M6	S2	Absences		Tardies				
	M	T	W	H	F	S	S	M	T	W										H	F	S	S	S1	19-20	S1
A(A) A2(A)													IB Physics HL 2 MCLEOD, Mat - Rm: BE SS11	5	4		7	[i]	[i]	[i]	[i]	0	0	0	0	
B(A) B2(A)													IB Geography HL 2 BROCKLEHURST, Sion - Rm: BE 22			[i]	[i]	[i]	[i]	[i]	[i]	[i]	0	0	0	0
C(A)													IB French Ab Initio SL 2 Brocvielle, Caroline - Rm: BE SS05	[i]	[i]	[i]	[i]	[i]	[i]	[i]	[i]	0	0	0	0	
D(A)													IB English A: Lang & Lit SL 2 MURPHY, Fiona - Rm: BE R11	[i]	[i]	[i]	[i]	[i]	[i]	[i]	[i]	0	0	0	0	

App view:

Classes					
Per.	Class	Abs.	M1	M2	M3
A(A)...	IB Physics HL 2 Mat MCLEOD		5		
B(A)...	IB Geography... Sion BROCKLEHURST				
C(A)	IB French Ab I... Caroline Brocvielle				
D(A)	IB English A: L... Fiona MURPHY				
G(A)	IB Theory of K... Shawn KOZEL				
Fam(...)	Faculty Family James MCKENNA				
E(A)...	IB Chemistry... Fiona MURPHY				

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D(A)	IB English A: Lang & Lit SL 2 Fiona MURPHY				



The academic grade is on a scale from 1 to 7.

Grade		The student is .....	Thinking Skills
7	Excellent	demonstrating mastery of the subject and able to creatively combine ideas	Synthesis Creating, Discussing, Evaluating
6	Very good	able to apply ideas and concepts effectively to a variety of situations	Application Explaining, Understanding, Applying
5	Good	able to apply ideas and concepts to a variety of situations	
4	Satisfactory	able to demonstrate recall of knowledge and skills	Recall
3	Sufficient	able to recall basic ideas	Describing, Remembering
2	Insufficient	not yet performing at an acceptable academic level	Insufficient
1	Insufficient	very low or non-existent level of performance	

## Viewing and understanding standards grades

You can find additional information by looking at the Standards Grades tab on PowerSchool. This includes overall academic performance, learning behavior and performance in key subject skills.

Standards grades in the web portal:

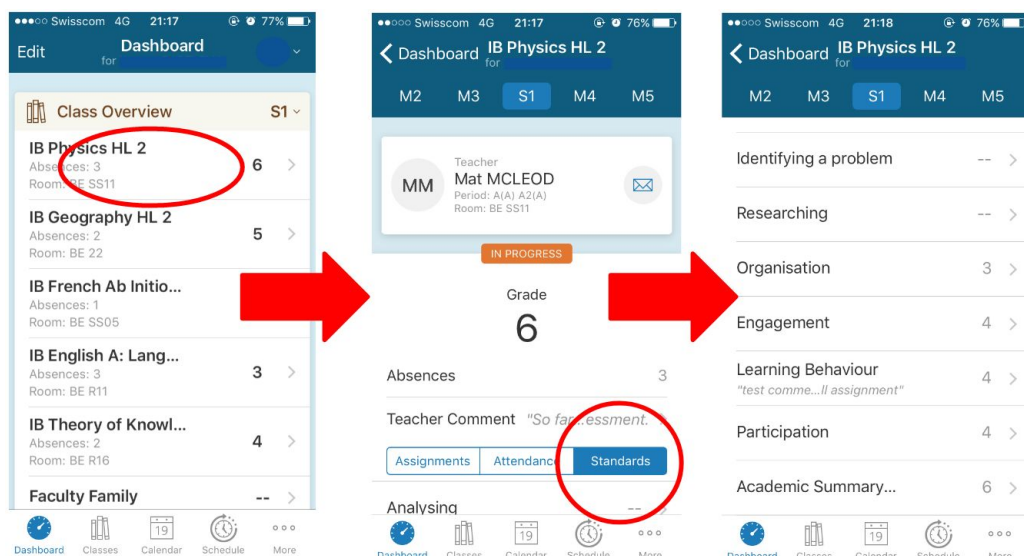
The screenshot shows the PowerSchool Standards Grades web portal. It includes three numbered steps with red arrows indicating the navigation path:

- Step 1:** In the 'Grades and Attendance' section, click on the 'Standards Grades' tab. A red circle highlights the 'Standards Grades' tab, and a red arrow points to it with the text 'Click here'.
- Step 2:** In the 'Standards Grades' section, click on the 'Expand All' button. A red circle highlights the 'Expand All' button, and a red arrow points to it with the text 'Click here'.
- Step 3:** In the 'Current Classes' section, click on the 'Expand All' button. A red circle highlights the 'Expand All' button, and a red arrow points to it with the text 'Click here'.

The 'Standards Grades' section displays a table with columns for 'Standards', 'M1', 'M2', 'M3', 'S1', 'M4', 'M5', 'M6', 'S2', and 'Trend'. The 'Current Classes' section displays a table with columns for 'Standards', 'M1', 'M2', 'M3', 'S1', 'M4', 'M5', 'M6', 'S2', and 'Trend'.



Standards grades in the app:



## Learning behavior grades

Learning behavior grades provide information about a student's work habits. They do not change the academic grade. Separating learning behavior from academic performance allows students' individual learning needs to be more easily identified and addressed.

Learning behavior grades are on a 1 - 4 scale in each category:

1 - Unsatisfactory	2 – Cause for concern	3 - Good	4 - Excellent
The student is making no effort to further learning	The student requires a high level of guidance in order to learn	The student understands that further independent study is necessary in order to be successful	The student is a self-motivated independent learner

Learning behavior is considered in three key areas:

- Engagement in the Learning Process
- Participation
- Organization

Click here to see the [Learning Behavior Rubric](#).



## Frequently asked Questions

What if my student has a 1 or 2 in an academic outcome?

*Your student is having difficulty. The comment from the teacher will provide further information about the grade.*

What if my student has a 1 or 2 in a Learning Behavior?

*Your student needs to improve in order to progress in this subject. In general (but not always):*

- *Low scores for Engagement indicate a lack of personal effort or interest in the class.*
- *Low scores for Participation indicate a lack of empathy for other students in the class.*
- *Low scores for Organization indicate missed or late homework, poor note-taking, or being unprepared.*

*See the [LAS Learning Behavior Rubric](#) for more information*

Are all of these grades going on the Academic Transcript and will Universities see them?

*No. Only the semester AC Academic Summary grade is reported on school transcripts.*

Is the final semester grade an average of all the marking periods?

*No. The final grade is a summary of a student's overall level of academic performance. It is hoped that over the course of the semester they will have improved and so an average grade would not reflect a student's true level of ability.*

Other useful resources:

- [LAS Assessment Handbook for Parents](#)
- [A Guide to Assessment Terminology](#)
- [LAS Learning Behavior Rubric](#)