

Letter Grades

Adapted Expectations

Some ESL students receive letter grades with “adapted” expectations. This means that students are working on grade level material, but are given specialized support on assignments and tests. For example, they are given extra work time or do not lose marks for spelling or grammar.

Incomplete(I) and Failing Grades(F)

Students who do not pass a course will receive an I on the first and/or second report card. These students need a plan to help them pass. Often these plans include options such as new due dates for overdue assignments. If the student does not complete the work within the time given, they receive an F on their final report card. Parents are informed when a student will get an I, before a report card is issued.

Standing Granted (SG)

SG [only for final marks] is given when requirements are not completely met, but the student is given credit for the course or program. For example, if a student is seriously ill and cannot complete course work or exams. he/she may receive SG.

Many ESL students do not get letter grades. This happens because:

- they are in grade 3 or younger;
- their English skills are very weak;
- they can not demonstrate their understanding of content in English at their grade level.

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How are Letter Grades Determined and What do They Mean?

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How Letter Grades are Determined

Classroom teachers use various ways to evaluate the work that is assigned.

Often this begins when the teacher decides what learning goals will be the focus that term. Then, the teacher develops a variety of ways to evaluate learning.

Different ways teachers evaluate students

- * **observation**
- * **classroom participation**
- * **daily assignments**
- * **quizzes and tests**
- * **student work samples**
- * **projects**
- * **oral and written reports**
- * **paragraphs and essays**
- * **homework**
- * **group work**



In Kindergarten, Grades 1 to 3,

no letter grades are given

For Grades 4 to 12

letter grades are given

Letter Grades, and Their Equivalents

A (86-100%) Excellent

B (73-85%) Very Good

C+ (67-72%) High Average

C (60-66%) Average

C- (50-59%) Minimal Achievement

I (0-49%) Incomplete (Terms 1 & 2)

F (0-49%) Fail (Final Grade)

***, asterisk, or N/A [not applicable]**
Student is not yet working at grade level. This is very common ESL students at a beginner level.

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