

# How to Read Your Child's Edline Report

## Categories

Grades for every class are divided into three categories: Formative, Summative, and HW Completion. All assignments are graded on how the student performed based on the standard for that objective. All classes at Baker Middle School use the same grade distribution.

### Formative Assessments – 65%

Formative assessments are given to show a student's progress as he/she attains mastery of a given indicator. Assignments in the formative assessment category could include class work, homework, quizzes, exit cards. Most grades will fall into the formative assessment category. All grades in this category make up 65% of the student's total grade.

### Summative Assessments – 25%

Summative assessments are given to show student mastery of an objective or indicator. These are usually cumulative assignments that are given after a student has had opportunities to be assessed at the formative level. Assignments in the summative category could include tests, projects, and papers. There should always be more than one assignment in the summative assessment category per quarter, but may only have two assignments totaling 25% of the student's total grade.

### Homework for Completion – 10%

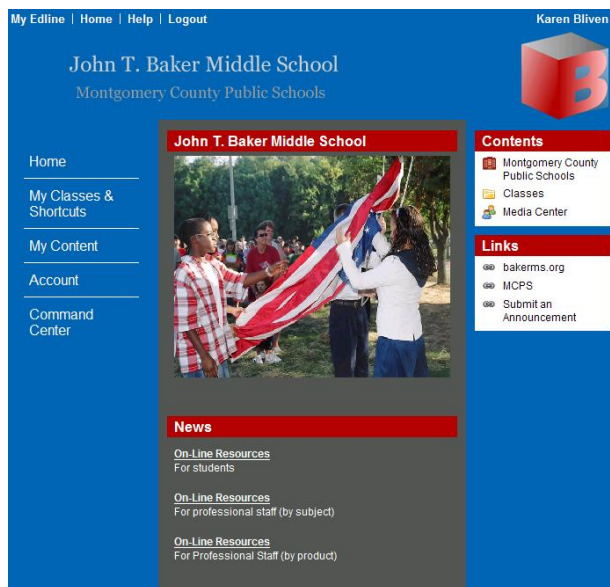
The homework completion category is designed to give students credit for attempting their homework. Homework completion grades are given to communicate to parents and students whether or not homework is being completed on time. There will be several homework completion grades by the end of the quarter totaling 10% of the total grade.

## 50%

Students who complete an assignment but score less than 50% will receive a 50% on the assignment. Any score under 70% shows that your child is struggling to master the objective.

## Beginning vs. End

At the beginning of the quarter, you will notice your child's grade fluctuating more than towards the end. Because there are so few grades at the beginning of a marking period, one missed assignment or poor grade can skew the overall grade until more grades are added. Final grades are based on total points earned in each category.



## Z scores and Xs!?!?!?

If you see a "Z" listed as your child's grade it means that the assignment has been collected and graded by the teacher, and it is missing for your child. This could be because it was turned in late or your child was absent. A "Z" is factored into the grade as a zero and shows the impact that not completing the assignment will have on the overall grade. The good news about a "Z" score is that the teacher is still willing to accept the assignment for a grade. Although the assignment may be penalized one letter grade, it is still important to turn the assignment in.

An "X" means that your child has been excused from this assignment. The score is not counted in the final grade and it neither helps nor penalizes the student for that particular assignment. Teachers may excuse a student from an assignment for a number of reasons, and this is determined on a case by case basis.

## Grading

Please keep in mind that it takes teachers time to grade papers, and grades do not appear on Edline instantly. Teachers have a maximum of three weeks to update their grades on Edline, but many will update their gradebook more frequently.

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