

# ACADEMICS and ACTIVITIES

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## Progress Reports, Report Cards, and Parent Conferences

- The school year is divided into six triads; each one being six to seven weeks long. You will receive a progress report the first, second, fourth, and fifth triads. You will receive a report card, which is a permanent grade, at the end of each semester (third and sixth triads.)
- Parent and teacher conferences are held soon after the completion of the first triad. Parents, teachers, or administrators may request additional conferences.

## Grading and Grade Point Average (GPA)

- Grades are based on meeting California State Standards and quality of work.
  - A – Demonstrates work of superior quality that exceeds content standards.
  - B – Demonstrates work of above average quality that exceeds content standards.
  - C – Demonstrates work of satisfactory quality that meets content standards.
  - D – Demonstrates work of below average quality below content standards.
  - F – Demonstrates work far below content standards, no progress
- GPA is based on the following 4-point scale:  
A = 4 Points    B = 3 points    C = 2 Points    D = 1 Point

## Homework Policy

FMS staff believes that homework is an important part of learning and achievement. When you complete your homework assignments and turn them in on time, you learn more and experience more success in school. Homework also serves as an important link between home and school. As a general guideline, you should spend one to two hours per night completing homework and/or studying for tests and quizzes.

## Absences:

When you are absent from school, it is your responsibility to fill out your Agenda and to make-up missed assignments, quizzes or tests. If you will be absent for more than two days, your parents may request homework through the office. A notice will be given to teachers, and the homework can be picked up in the office after 3 p.m. the day following the request.

On the day of the absence, parents should call the office. If no call is made, the student must bring a note the day he/she returns. Upon return to school, students should pick up an admit slip in the office prior to going to class. The student presents the admit slip to the teacher of each period missed.

## Renaissance Program

FMS believes in recognizing student achievement and you will have the opportunity to be a *Renaissance Student*. If you have a 2.5 GPA or above, you will take part in many exciting activities and privileges planned especially for you. You will receive a Renaissance Card, be eligible for first in lunch line privileges, and other special treat days. You've earned it!

## Co-Curricular (Extracurricular) Activities and Eligibility

At FMS we know that extracurricular activities, such as athletics and student government, can enrich your academic program. The privilege of participating in such activities will be reserved for students who earn a 2.0 GPA or better, and pass at least five classes each grading period. Eligibility will be determined soon after the end of each triad. Coaches and other staff may also request grade checks to determine eligibility. Eligibility probation is an option available to students who earn a GPA below 2.0, but at least a 1.5 GPA, and pass at least four classes. The student is responsible for initiating eligibility probation; details are available in the office.

**Eighth Graders Please Note: Your second semester grades will be used to determine eligibility for 9<sup>th</sup> grade extracurricular activities.**