

# How I Grade Computer Students

## Letter Grades

I do not “give” grades. What I do is hand out assignments and then record what you turn in. You earn whatever grade you get. Either you turn in the work I assign or you don’t. Don’t ask me how to get a better grade. You know how. Turn in the work I asked for.

I grade work by giving out points for the work you complete. At the end of the semester I add up the points and divide by the number of points possible. The per cent of work you have done that semester is your grade.

90%	=	A
80%	=	B
70%	=	C
50%	=	D
<50%	=	Fail

Every day I will grade you on whether you have been following my instructions. The grade is either 5 or 0 depending on whether or not you followed instructions that day. If you quietly do the work assigned, you get a 5 for that day. If you were messing around, you get a 0. Students who are talking and messing around are not learning. You will also get some points for completion of your Grade Graph and selected assignments.

## Work Habits

At the end of the semester you will receive an **E (Excellent)**, **S (Satisfactory)**, or **U (Unsatisfactory)** for Work Habits. Work Habits are whether you do the work assigned, bring materials to class, and are on-time every day. If you have **3 tardies** during a semester, the highest Work Habits grade you can get is an S. If you have **5 or more tardies**, you will receive an automatic U in Work Habits. **Warning to Eight-Graders:** If you have more than 3 U’s on your report card in all your classes, you will not be allowed to graduate on-stage!

## Cooperation

You will receive an E, S, or U in Cooperation depending on how you behave in class. If you fail the class, the highest cooperation grade you can get is an S. At the end of the semester, if you have an S or an E, and you are close to the next higher letter grade, I **may** (at my option) give you the higher grade.

**Every Monday I will give you a print-out showing your grade. You must get this signed by your parent or guardian and return it to me the next day. This is a MANDATORY assignment—students who consistently refuse to turn in this sheet will receive an automatic FAIL-U-U in the class.**

**Parent/Guardian** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_