

# READING Q2 GRADES

## RIVER BLUFF HIGH SCHOOL

### FIGURING FINAL COURSE AVERAGES

Most students and parents coming to River Bluff High School have been accustomed to a semester block class in which the final average for a course is calculated as follows:

$$\text{Quarter 1 (40\%)} + \text{Quarter 2 (40\%)} + \text{End of Course Exam or Final Exam (20\%)} = \text{Final Course Grade}$$

While semester courses (American Government, Economics, etc.) at River Bluff use the above formula, the grades for courses on a year-long schedule are calculated as follows:

$$\text{Semester 1 (40\%)} + \text{Semester 2 (40\%)} + \text{End of Course Exam or Final Exam (20\%)} = \text{Final Course Grade}$$

What that means for our students is that Quarter 1 (Q1) and Quarter 2 (Q2) are combined to create a running average for Semester 1, and Quarter 3 and Quarter 4 will be combined to create a running average for Semester 2.

In order to combine Q1 and Q2 accurately in PowerSchool this year, teachers had to bring the Q1 grades in to Q2 or each quarter would have counted as discreet or separate parts of the Semester 1 grade instead of combining to create that running average.



Work hard. Get smart. Do good.

Due Date	Category	Assignment	Codes	Score	Grd
10/18/2013	formative	Quiz Unit 3		3/100	3
10/18/2013	formative	Unit 3 post-test		2/100	2
10/18/2013	Summative	Q1 Average		95/100	95
10/18/2013	Summative	Q1 Average_1		95/100	95
10/18/2013	Summative	Q1 Average 1		95/100	95
10/22/2013	Summative	Unit 3 Test		52/100	52
10/22/2013	Summative	Unit 3 Test_1		-/100	
11/01/2013	formative	Molecular Geo Lab		88/100	88
11/05/2013	Summative	Unit 3B Test Molecular Geometry		98/100	98
11/08/2013	formative	Dimensional Analysis Activity		85/100	85
11/18/2013	formative	The Mole Lab		100/100	100
11/22/2013	Summative	Unit 4 Test Mole Conversions		-/100	

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■ - Collected, ▲ - Late, ■ - Missing, ◆ - Score is exempt from final grade, ■ - Assignment is not included in final grade

### “WHAT AM I SEEING IN POWERSCHOOL?”

In the box above, you see an example of a Chemistry 1 student’s Q2 grades in PowerSchool. Note that the “Q1 Average” has been pulled in to the Q2 gradebook. The Q1 average is listed 3 times because this student had 3 summative grades in Q1 in Chemistry. If a class had two summative grades in Q1, the average is listed twice. This procedure weights the average of Q1 and Q2 accurately to formulate the running average for Semester 1.

Remember that beginning in Q2, “formative” grades count as 15% and “summative” grades count as 85% of the semester average. If you have a question about a student’s grade in a class, please contact the teacher, but if your question is about the calculations for course averages, please contact Julie Painter, Academic Dean for Innovation at [jpainter@lexington1.net](mailto:jpainter@lexington1.net) or (803) 821-0708. Thank you!