Grading & Reporting
Students will be graded in three categories:

Major, Minor, and Practice

Major = 30-40% of grade
Minor = 60-70% of grade
Practice = 0% of grade

Minor work is worth 0—25 points/item
Major work is worth 25—50 points/item

Why: Minor work should support the development of content and skills assessed on the major assignment(s). How the student achieves on the minor work should predict their progress on the end-of-unit assessments. Neither the minor work nor the major work should make or break a student’s report card grade.

What: Must have a minimum of two major assessments/quarter. A score on any one assignment cannot drop an overall making period grade more than one letter grade.

Projects
Extended labs
Culminating performances/events
Research reports
Unit tests/Benchmark Assessments
Performance Based Assessments (PBA’s)
Extended essays
Integrated performance assessment
Classwork
Homework assigned after instruction
Feedback
Discussions
Learning checks/quizzes
Brief Constructed Responses (BCR’s)
Exit tickets

Available to all: not just before or after school.
Upgrade eligible assignments will not be given during the last 10 days of the quarter.
Parentheses in title of the assignment on BCPSOne is a signal to parents and students of any assignments that are available for upgrade.
Student must complete the original assignment before being eligible for an upgrade.

Students are eligible to upgrade a total of 8 assignments during the quarter.