

## **Report Card Grades At Notre Dame Academy:**

The following is a list of the grade categories found as column headings on NDA report cards.

### **Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4**

The Q grades are quarter grades for the four quarters. Please consult the class descriptions in PowerSchool on your daughter's schedule or on the class syllabus to see how each teacher is calculating the quarter grades for a particular class. The large majority of teachers use the total points method where the quarter grade is simply the total points earned divided by the total number of points possible that quarter. Some teachers, however, prefer to include weighted grades depending on what the assignment category is used for a particular assignment.

### **E1, E2**

The E grades represent the exam grades for the first and second semesters. For a semester course, the exam represents 12.5% of the Final F1 grade since there is only one exam. In a yearlong course, each semester exam represents 6.25% of the Final F1 percentage for a combined total of 12.5%.

### **F1**

F1 is the final grade for the course. It determines passing or failing the course/earning credit for the course and the GPA value earned for the course. The GPA points earned for the F1 final grade are determined by taking the GPA points earned for that F1 multiplied by the potential credit of the course (i.e. 1.0, 0.5, or 0.25). As such the NDA cumulative GPA is weighted based on whether the course is a college prep level 3, honors level 4, or A.P./ D.C. level 5 college course. For the current year, NDA uses a projected GPA that shows what the final GPA would be should the student continue to perform at the same academic level. Once the year concludes, those GPA values are entered into the student's historical grades. The GPA grade scales can be found in the NDA Curriculum Guide.

### **M1, M2**

The M Weighted Scholastic Marks are used to determine academic honors at NDA. They are weighted grades based on the first and second semester averages in a course (i.e the two quarter grades and the exam for that semester). Their purpose is to reward and encourage students to take courses that challenge them to work according to the best of their academic abilities. Level 3 college preparatory courses receive no added weight to the M mark, honors classes receive a 5% bonus, and A.P./D.C. classes receive a 10% bonus to the weighted scholastic mark as compared to the semester average.

### **K1**

The K1 grade is used to calculate the KEES (Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship) GPA. It is reported only at the end of the year. The rules for calculating the KEES GPA are different from those used to calculate the NDA Cumulative GPA. KEES does not have as many gradations to their GPA Scale. It does not have any "+ or - grade values" and uses only whole numbers. KEES also does not allow any additional GPA value for honors level classes. As a result, it is not uncommon for the KEES GPA to be somewhat lower than the NDA Cumulative GPA.