

Preparing and Submitting 3rd Quarter Grades

Kinder, 1, 2, 3

Grades are due Monday, 3/21 at 8am

A set of instructions are posted after these Grade Band reminders to guide you through submitting your grades for Quarter 3.

As you work through your gradebooks, please be sure of the accuracy of your grades, as well as spelling and grammar of narratives.

We will email the PDF file with your students' report cards for review. Please inform Susan if there are any errors that will need correction in the gradebook.

Dr. Hoynes will review final report cards and report cards will be emailed home.

Grade K Reminders:

1. Fill out narratives in the **Effort** grade book. There is a 500 character limitation on narratives.*
 2. All skills are linked to a particular subject area. Skills will show up regardless if you are assessing them. If you do not want blanks in those columns, you will need to put in the code N/A for skills not assessed.
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Grade 1-3 Reminders:

1. Complete a narrative for each student in the **Effort** gradebook. There is a 500 character limitation on narratives.*

*It would be wise to write narratives in a Word document **ahead of time**, then spell check, grammar check and character count. From here, copy and paste the narrative directly into the Gradebook narrative section.

In this resource guide:

1. Inputting Effort and/or Conduct grades (Grades K-3) – Effort or Conduct category, as well as an effort or conduct column
 2. Leaving a "Narrative"
 3. Checking to make sure everyone has a grade
 4. How to mark your gradebooks ready for submission
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You must mark your gradebooks ready one section at a time. It is a safety measure to ensure that you have looked over each of your gradebooks prior to submitting your grades.

1. Effort and/or Conduct (4th Grade)

In your effort and conduct gradebooks, the assignment column has to be tied to a category that is 100% of the grade in order for that grade to calculate properly. Make sure the Category/Column Weighting is correct for the Effort gradebook and/or the Conduct gradebook.

Within the Effort or Conduct gradebook, go to the Grading tab, and select Category/Column Weighting:

Select the Weighting tab

This particular teacher zeroed out the weights, and assigned Classwork with 100% of the overall weight.

It may be a good idea to create a new category called Combined Effort and weight it 100%.

The screenshot shows the 'Grading' tab selected in a sidebar menu. The main content area is titled 'Grading' and has a 'Done' button in the top right. Below the title bar are tabs for 'Scores', 'Score Annotations', 'Grade Scale', 'Weighting' (which is highlighted with a red box), 'Averages', and 'Drop Scores'. A 'Save & Recalculate' button is visible. The 'Weighting' section is divided into 'Column Weighting' and 'Category Weighting'. Under 'Column Weighting', there are two unchecked checkboxes: 'Convert Scores to a percentage before calculating Marking Period Averages (Not recommended)' and 'Weight columns (Not recommended)'. Under 'Category Weighting', the 'Weight categories' checkbox is checked. Below this is a table with columns for 'Category Name', 'Weight', 'Percentage', 'Color', 'Delete', and 'Hide'. The table lists several categories: Quiz*, Homework*, Test*, BackPack HW*, Final Project*, and Classwork. The 'Classwork' row has a weight of 1.00 and a percentage of 100.00%. At the bottom, there is an 'Add New Category' button.

Just make sure that, whatever you decide to do, you have **one** category that is assigned **100%** of the weight.

Go back to the gradebook, create a new column in the gradebook, and assign it to the category that you have assigned as 100% of the grade.

This column **MUST** be counted in averages to be included on the report card.

The 'Add Column' dialog box is shown. It has a title bar with 'Add Column' and a close button. Below the title bar is a button that says '+ Add Columns From Previous Year'. The 'Add To:' section has radio buttons for 'Current Gradebook Only' (selected), 'All Gradebooks of the Current Course', 'All Gradebooks', and 'Selected Gradebooks'. The 'Current Section:' is '1320/01 CONDUCT A'. The 'Name:' field contains 'Effort'. The 'Description:' field contains 'Effort'. The 'Category:' dropdown is set to 'Classwork'. The 'Maximum Possible Points:' field contains '100.00'. The 'Date:' is '01-10-2017'. The 'Marking Period:' is 'SECOND QUARTER'. At the bottom, there are checkboxes for 'Lock Column', 'Count in Averages' (checked and highlighted with a red box), 'Add to PlusPortals as Homework', and 'Shared (Public) Column'. At the very bottom, there are buttons for 'Link Skills/Standards', 'Cancel', and 'Create Column'.

2. Leaving a Narrative (grades K-3)

To leave narratives for students, hover over any grade in the QTR 3 column, and **right** click.

vg: QTR 1	Avg: QTR2	Exam: EXAM1	SEM
5.43 A			95.
0.95 A-			90.
9.89 C+			79.
5.68 C			75.
7.34 A			97.
4.28 A			94.
2.44 A-			92.
3.68 A			93.
2.55 A			92.
9.19 A+			99.

Remove (Hide) FIRST QUARTER
 Select DB Column
 Select GB Column
 Select Columns (Edit Template)

Click on

“Select GB Column” option

Then click on Narratives

Remove (Hide) Current Column = QUARTER THREE
Select DB Column
Select GB Column
Select Columns (Edit Template)

Narratives
 Averages
 Comments
 Marking Period Points Earned
 Category Averages (Subtotals)

A column will open to the far right of your gradebook.

(At this point, your gradebook view will change from [RC View] to [Custom].)

AVERAGE	AVERAGE	MEXAM	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	EXAM	FINAL	Narrative
MARKING PE...	MARKING PE...	MIDTERM EX...	MARKING PE...	MARKING PE...	FINAL EXAM	FINALGRADE	
Q1	Q2	EXAM	Q3	Q4	EXAM	FINAL	
10-18 06:58	12-30 07:33	Click here to...	02-28 11:37		Click here to...	12-17 16:08	
						Calculate	
AVERAGE	AVERAGE	Exam: M...	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	Exam: E...	FINAL	Narra...
100.00	99.63		99.63			99	
100.00	99.70		98.52				
100.00	99.63		99.26				
100.00	99.40		99.63				
100.00	98.12		99.63			99	
100.00	95.57		100.00			97.79	
100.00	98.42		97.78			99.21	

Click on paper icon to add narrative

To write a narrative, click on the paper icon in the row for the student you wish to write a narrative for, and a new window will open specific to the student.

(Narratives – Continued on next page)

Narrative X

1200/01 Effort X Cancel Save

	MP	Grade	Name	Description	Marking Period	Category	Date	Score
Q1	O		organizes pe...		Q3	Classwork	01-11-2022	
Q2	O		responds to ...		Q3	Classwork	01-11-2022	
Q3			seeks help ...		Q3	Classwork	01-11-2022	
Q4			works neatly		Q3	Classwork	01-11-2022	

VIEWING MARKING PERIOD

SECOND QUARTER

This side of the page will show narratives from other quarters

i.e. In 2nd quarter you will be able to see 1st quarter narratives.

COMMENT ONE

COMMENT TWO

THIRD QUARTER Character Count: 0 out of 1000

B I U [align icons] [list icons] Format

(inherited font) (inherited size)

Type in your comments for first quarter here.

There are a few editing capabilities in the above menu.

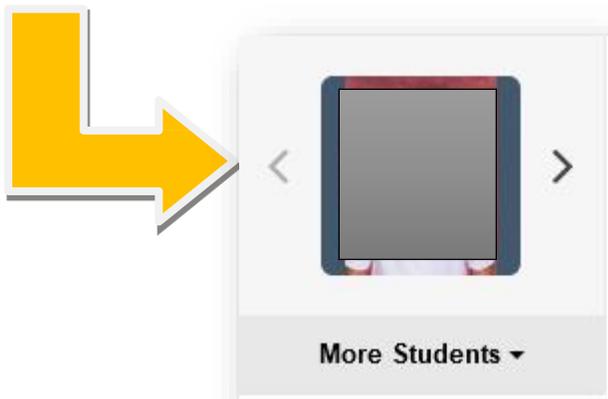
There is a 500 character limit on narratives.

Please take the time to spell and grammar check your narratives.

COMMENT ONE ...

COMMENT TWO ...

You can switch from student to student by clicking on the left or right arrows on either side the student's picture, or clicking on the drop down arrow next to "More Students".

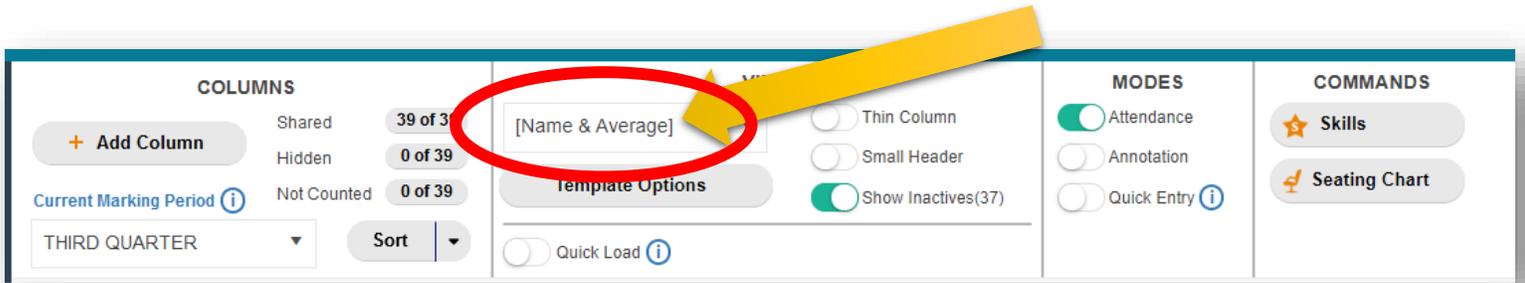


When finished writing a narrative, click on "Save" in the top right hand corner of the page.

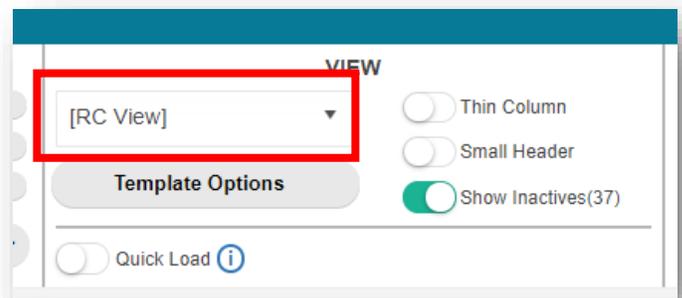
3. Checking over your gradebook:

Make sure that every assignment has a score.

Currently, you probably have your gradebook view set to [Name and Average] or [Custom view].



Select [RC view], Report Card View, to confirm Quarter 3 grades.



This view will show you each marking period.

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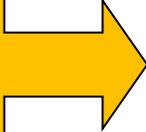
AVERAGE	AVERAGE	MEXAM	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	EXAM	FINAL
MARKING PE...	MARKING PE...	MIDTERM EX...	MARKING PE...	MARKING PE...	FINAL EXAM	FINALGRADE
Q1	Q2	EXAM	Q3	Q4	EXAM	FINAL
10-15 14:56	01-04 07:01	Click here to...	02-28 11:23		Click here to...	12-17 16:06
						Calculate
AVERAGE	AVERAGE	Exam: M...	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	Exam: E...	FINAL
93.19 S+	92.57 S+		93.99 S+			92.88 S+
100.00 O	98.14 O		97.38 O			99.07 O

Confirm that the there are no blanks for the Quarter grade in this view.

DO NOT ROUND.

The gradebook will automatically round up to the next LETTER GRADE if a student is on the cusp

Note that the letter grade for 94.52 reflects an O



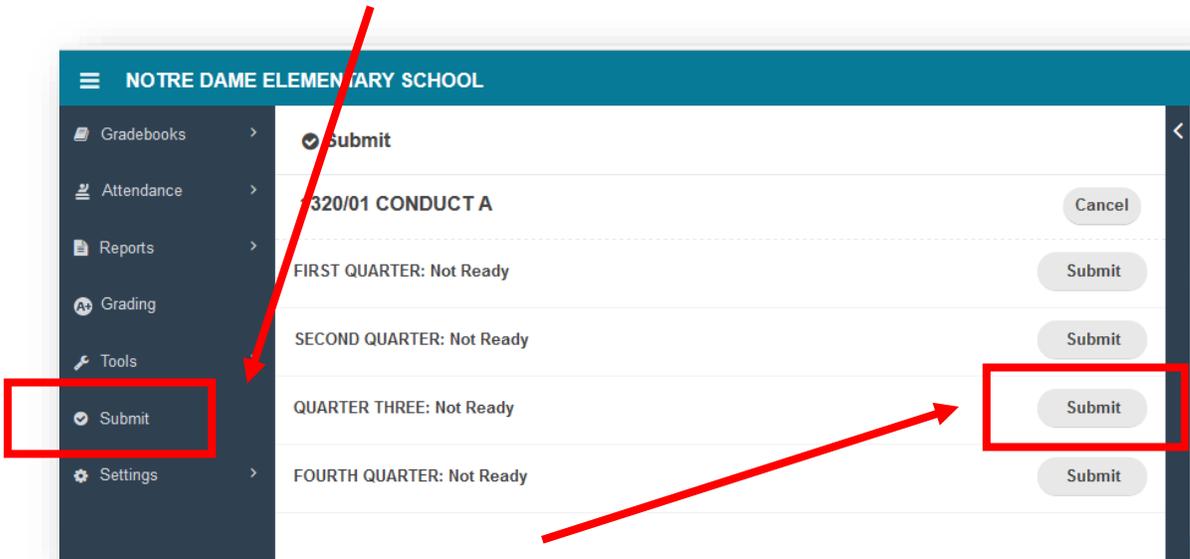
AVERAGE	
MARKING PE...	
Q3	
02-28 11:29	
AVERAGE	
97.26	O
89.25	S
85.75	S
94.52	O
92.65	S+
97.92	O

Continue for instructions on Marking your gradebooks ready for submission

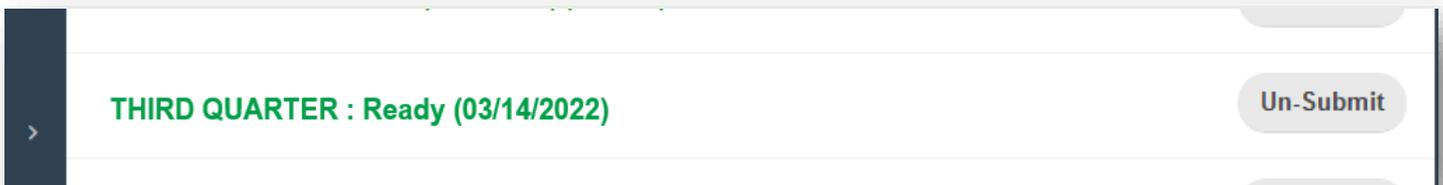
4. Marking your gradebooks “Ready” for submission

When you are finished checking your gradebook, you are ready to submit your grades.

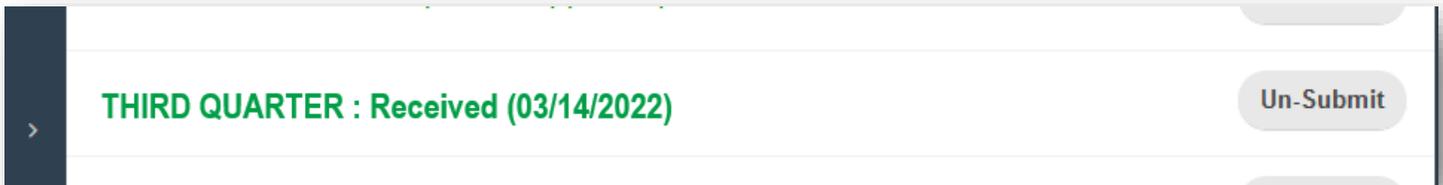
- a. Select the “Submit” link to the left of the page:



- b. To mark this gradebook as ready, **click on “Submit”**, and the status will change to Ready with the date.



- c. After grades are pulled, you will see that the “Ready (followed by date)” will become **“Received (followed by date)”** and “(Locked)” may appear if gradebooks have been locked to prevent changes.



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5. Special Case Scenarios

Sometimes you will have special case scenarios: students with extended illness making up work or students who are absent and missing assignments in the last week of the quarter.

- Let Dr. Hoynes know who these students are **before** the end of the quarter.
- Put “NS” as a grade for assignments that are Not Submitted and make an annotation on the grade.

An “NS” is equal to a zero, indicating that the student has not yet submitted the assignment, therefore impacting the student’s grade.

Because NS impacts the grade, it raises flags for parents and students to investigate what is causing the low grade.

An I (incomplete) is equal to an exempt, having no impact on a student’s grade.

- When the student has made up the work, update your gradebook and let Dr. Hoynes know the student’s updated quarter grade.
- Once you have notified Dr. Hoynes, a new report card will be generated.

6. Trouble shooting

What if the percentages are not adding up correctly?

- Do you have your assignments properly assigned to the correct categories?
- Did you change the saving speed to your gradebook, i.e. **Standard, Turbo, SuperTurbo**?
- Go to Settings, then select General Settings

The screenshot shows the 'General Settings' page. On the left is a dark sidebar with menu items: Gradebooks, Attendance, Reports, Grading, Tools, Submit, and Settings. The main content area is titled 'General Settings' and has 'Cancel' and 'Save' buttons at the top right. Under 'Score Options', there are three radio button options for 'Entered score exceeds maximum possible points': 'Allow', 'Warn' (which is selected with a green checkmark), and 'Do Not Allow'. Below that, 'Enter key moves focus' has 'Down' selected. 'Number of decimal places to use' has '2' selected. 'Turbo Mode Settings' has 'Standard: Auto-save scores ON; Auto-calculate averages ON' selected. A large yellow 3D arrow points from the 'Standard' option towards a white callout box on the right.

Your gradebook should be set to “Standard”