

# **Natrona County High School IB Diploma Programme Assessment Policy**

## **Assessment Philosophy**

At Natrona County High School, we believe assessment practices serve a two-fold purpose. First, assessment serves as a tool to inform students of their understanding as it relates to the curriculum they study. Assessment also serves as a tool to inform teachers of the effect of their instructional practices. In order for assessment to have value, it must occur with relative frequency, address learning at multiple levels of comprehension, be graded in a timely manner, and be used as a basis for reflection.

## **Methods of Assessment**

Teachers have wide latitude in choosing assessment tools, bearing in mind the particular needs of their subject. Methods of assessment may include oral presentations, small group work, creative projects, research projects, group discussions, debates, timed writings, journal writing, reading and/or listening comprehension, lab practicum, lab reports, essays, quizzes and various other forms of exams.

## **Assessment in IB Courses**

It is expected that of our IB teachers that, in addition to formative assessments, they will use summative methods to prepare students for the highly intensive testing that occurs at the end of their one or two year IB courses. In addition to methods mentioned above, methods of preparation for formal IB exams include the use of questions from prior exams in various formats, and other IB resource materials.

## **Grading System and Reporting**

Natrona County High School use the following grading scale which is set by the district:

A	90-100%	4 grade points
B	80-89%	3 grade points
C	70-79%	2 grade points
D	60-69%	1 grade point
F	below 60%	0 grade points

Students and parents can track grades in all courses through Infinite Campus and its Parent Portal. Up-to-date grade reports are published eight times per year, at mid-quarters and at the end of each nine weeks. Parents may request printed copies of published grades. Students and parents are invited to school-wide Parent-Teacher Conferences once each semester.