

Marks System

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Relevant Definitions

Letter Mark. In the US, grades are usually awarded as letters, A, B, C, D and F. There is no grade of E. Other countries use a straight number system with a maximum of ten. It is normal to call letter marks just 'grades' in American English, but this can be confusing as a student's grade is also "kindergarten" or 6th grade. In other countries, this definition of grade is usually called a 'form', like the sixth form. Letter Mark refers to the letter given in the US for overall course scoring.

Grade Points. Because the US uses letter for marks, there needs to be a numerical system in order to determine how the student is doing over all. Grade points are awarded based on the letter grade. For example, 4 points are awarded for an A, 3 for a B, and so on.

Weighted GPA. students take more advanced courses, the grade points may be increased. For example, if a student earns a A in an advanced English class of 5 units, the student earns a 5 instead of a 4 for grade points for weighted GPA. The total points for that class is 5 (units) x 5 (points) = 25 points (total). Then divide this by totals (5) for a GPA of 5.0. The higher number of points are used to calculate the student's weighted GPA. Lower number of points (4 instead of 5 points) is used for unweighted GPA.

Marks System Table

The marks system table is used to configure the schools grading system. A record is entered for each type of mark (grade) that may be given to a student. If student are received and A-, the A- must be defined as well as the A. For each letter grade, the user must specify the grade points to be assigned for the letter grade.

If the school is not using letter grades and is on the 1-10 system, then 10 records must be defined. If the school is using a numerical system that include 9.5 for example, then a record of 9.5 must be created.

Fields

Letter Mark - letters grade like those used in the US system

Grade Points - numerical grades used, corresponding to letter grades if US or just numbers if international.

Weighted Grade Points - if the class is advanced and a letter grade assigned, the weighted grade points would be the additional points allowed for the advanced class, which is almost always plus 1.

Alternate Grade Points - grade points in the event a different grading system is used

Alternate Weighted Grade Points - alternate weighting if a different grade system is used.

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| CLEANUP | Spelling error "Alternet" is spelled Alternate

Next Version

Add an association of the marks system records to the school, so that marks systems may be defined for each school

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