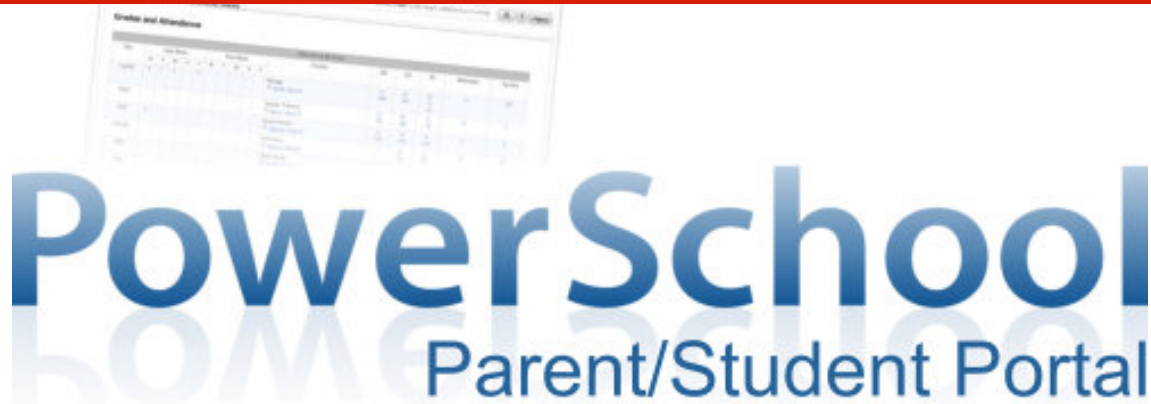


SOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL NEW ONLINE GRADEBOOK



- Our PowerSchool gradebook is an online communication tool for students and parents to login and review their most current class grades.
- The online gradebook will not reflect “real time” grades. For example, if students turn in a graded assignment in school one day, it will not necessarily be reflected in the gradebook that same day. Some assignments require more turnaround time than others depending on the submission date. Teachers update grades at least once a week on Fridays.
- Students have regular opportunities to login and view their online grades as part of Homebase. Each year, we encourage them to reflect, goal-set, plan, and advocate; especially, if they have specific questions or concerns in a class.
- We also encourage parents to review grades with your child weekly. If your child is doing well, it is a nice time for reflection and celebration. If you see a concerning pattern emerge, like missing assignments, late work, low test grades, etc.; it will allow you to plan with your child and/or to communicate with a teacher as needed for additional support. The purpose of the tool is to help students and parents regularly monitor grades and overall progress.
- At the beginning of each quarter, we tend to have less grades, which can sometimes temporarily skew a letter grade in a class. As we near the end of a quarter, final entered grades will influence the final overall class letter.
- This is our second year using this online gradebook program. We continue to revisit and refine our practices.
- Students will first be introduced to the online PowerSchool gradebook in school.
- You will receive parent login directions and other student/parent resources will be posted on our website.