

**Octorara Homeland Security & Protective Services Academy Grading Structure**

**Grading Policy**

**LAW YEAR**

**Overall grades for the Law Year will be comprised of Knowledge/Culminating Projects grades, Skills grades, Work Ethic grades, and Certification Testing. The Octorara Career & Technical Education grading system has been developed in concert with local employers, state standards, national standards and is applicable for ALL students.**

**A. Knowledge**

Tests, quizzes, homework and assignments are utilized each marking period to assess the comprehension of technical and related information. At the end of each marking period, the scores for students are averaged to calculate the Knowledge grade.

**Skills**

Note: A variety of tasks to be completed in a marking period may be specific for the program's content area. This range is based on what is necessary to acquire an entry level position. Skills are evaluated to the established National MSA's (Minimum Standard for Accreditation) requiring variable point rubrics graded in accordance with the respective certification authority.

**Example Rating Scale for Skills**

- Excellent independent performance
- Very good independent performance
- Good independent performance
- Average independent performance

**Work Ethic**

Work Ethic (Attitude) is comprised of competencies that reflect student behavior, employability, teamwork and reliability. The teacher will evaluate each student's work ethic daily. This grade is based on work ethic competencies and performance (approved grading rubric) that was approved by the OA-CTEP General Advisory Committee.

**Certifications:**

**Every year students are given the NIMS, HMA, HMO, CPR, First Aid and TIMS. These are the foundation certifications that will allow them to receive accreditation. The certification system is a tiered system in which a student must pass the first certification assessment in order to progress to the next certification.**

**B. Final Marking Period Grade**

The following procedure will be used to compute the final marking period grade:

1. Average the Knowledge, Skills, Work Ethic, and Certification grades to determine the final marking period percentage.
2. A letter grade is assigned using the following marking period grading scale.

**Grading Scale:**

97-100	A+	77-79	C+	59-50	E
93-96	A	73-76	C	49-0	F
90-92	A-	70-72	C-		
87-89	B+	67-69	D+		
83-86	B	63-66	D		
80-82	B-	60-62	D-		

**C. Report Cards and Grading**

Octorara Area Senior High School uses PowerSchool, an online grading and reporting system. Student schedules, attendance and grades are available online for student and parent convenience. Teachers are required to update grades every two weeks (minimum). Report cards will be sent at the end of each quarter. You can request a parent/student access to PowerSchool by emailing [ctodd@octorara.org](mailto:ctodd@octorara.org).

#### **D. Final Grade Calculation**

To compute a final year grade, percentage grades for each marking period are divided by four to determine a percentage grade. Inquiries about this policy or appeals of any grades awarded to a student should be made first to the student's teacher then to the OA-CTEP administration.

### **FIRE YEAR**

The Fire Year is different than all other years, in that students must pass the NIMS, HMA, TIMS and HMO certifications to progress to Mod 1 (Intro to Firefighting). Every student must pass each Fire MOD to move to the next MOD. If a cadet fails a module they are not allowed to move on or participate in the next mods.

These certification grades are included in final semester grade. **IF STUDENTS DO NOT PASS THESE CERTIFICATIONS HE/SHE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CONTINUE WITH THE FIRE YEAR.**

- **Mod 1: Intro To Fire Service**
- **Mod 2: Fire Ground Support**
- **Mod 3: Exterior Firefighter**
- **Mod 4: Interior Firefighter**
- **Mod 5: Advanced Firefighter**

**If a cadet fails a module they are not allowed to move on or participate in the next mods. This is an industry mandate. These certification grades are included in the semester grading system. Students will have three (3) attempts to pass the written portion of each Mod and three (3) attempts to complete the practical skill stations.**

**If students do not pass these certifications in order, by state and federal protocol, they are not able to progress in their certification and will be deemed ineligible. Students will be removed from the program immediately and returned to their respective school districts.**

**Overall grades for the Fire Year will be comprised of Knowledge/Culminating Projects grades, Skills grades and Work Ethic grades, and Certification Testing. The Octorara Career & Technical Education grading system has been developed in concert with local employers, state standards, and national standards and is applicable for ALL students.**

#### **A. Knowledge**

Tests, quizzes, homework and assignments are utilized each marking period to assess the comprehension of technical and related information. At the end of each marking period, the scores for students are averaged to calculate the Knowledge grade. The industry standards in accordance with state, federal and national MSA's (Minimum Standard for Accreditation) are program specific requiring a minimum of 70% in the class to be eligible to the certification exam. Some industrial certifications require 80% on the certification exam to achieve certification attainment.

#### **Skills**

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#### **Example Rating Scale for Skills**

- Excellent independent performance
- Very good independent performance

- Good independent performance
- Average independent performance

### Work Ethic

Work Ethic (Attitude) is comprised of competencies that reflect student behavior, employability, teamwork and reliability. The teacher will evaluate each student’s work ethic daily. This grade is based on work ethic competencies and performance (approved grading rubric) that was approved by the OA-CTEP General Advisory Committee.

### Certifications:

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### B. Final Marking Period Grade

The following procedure will be used to compute the final marking period grade:

3. Average the Knowledge, Skills, Work Ethic, and Certification grades to determine the final marking period percentage.
4. A letter grade is assigned using the following marking period grading scale.

### Grading Scale:

97-100	A+	77-79	C+	59-50	E
93-96	A	73-76	C	49-0	F
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## **EMERGENCY MEDICAL YEAR**

Overall grades for the Octorara Area Career & Technical Education Programs (OA-CTEP) will be comprised of Knowledge/Culminating Projects grades, Skills grades and Work Ethic grades, and Certification Testing. The OA-CTEP grading system has been developed in concert with local employers, state standards, national standards and are applicable for ALL students. **In order to be eligible to register for the National EMT Certification Exam, students must have a 70% or better in the EMT portion of the class.**

### A. Knowledge

Tests, quizzes, homework and assignments are utilized each marking period to assess the comprehension of technical and related information. At the end of each marking period, the scores for students are averaged to calculate the Knowledge grade.

### Skills

Note: A variety of tasks to be completed in a marking period may be specific for the program’s content area. This range is based on what is necessary to acquire an entry level position. Skills are evaluated to the established

National MSA's (Minimum Standard for Accreditation) requiring variable point rubrics graded in accordance with the respective certification authority.

#### **Example Rating Scale for Skills**

- a. Excellent independent performance
- b. Very good independent performance
- c. Good independent performance
- d. Average independent performance

#### **Work Ethic**

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#### **Certifications:**

**Every year students are given the NIMS, HMA, HMO, CPR, First Aid and TIMS. These are the foundation certifications that will allow them to receive accreditation. The certification system is a tiered system in which a student must pass the first certification assessment in order to progress to the next certification.**

**If a cadet fails a module they are not allowed to move on or participate in the next mods. This is an industry mandate. These certification grades are averaged in the semester grading system.**

**If students do not pass these certifications in order, by state and federal protocol, they are not able to progress in their certification and will be deemed ineligible. Students will be removed from the program immediately and returned to their respective school districts.**

#### **B. Final Marking Period Grade**

The following procedure will be used to compute the final marking period grade:

5. Average the Knowledge, Skills, Work Ethic, and Certification grades to determine the final marking period percentage.
6. A letter grade is assigned using the following marking period grading scale.

#### **Grading Scale:**

97-100	A+	77-79	C+	59-50	E
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