

Fulmer Grading Policy Update

Dear Students & Parents,

As I continue to develop an increasingly streamline and intuitive grading policy, I want to make you all aware of an important change that will take effect beginning this semester.

Grades will still be evaluated on a system of cumulative “experience points,” however I will no longer make the distinction between the categories those points came from (such as “assignments” or “quizzes”). Instead, every assignment, quiz, exam, or project will its points collected in a single, unified pool. Students’ grades will be determined by a single value: Total Experience Points (EXP). A letter grade will ascertained by comparing the Total EXP to total possible EXP thusly made available.

For example, a student who gets 400 EXP out of a possible 500 EXP on an assignment, 1600/2000 EXP on a quiz, and 4500/5000 EXP on a project will have a Total EXP of 6500 out of a possible 7500. That comes out to 87%, or a B.

Phoenix Tasks will continue to be made available and can be used to earn additional EXP. If the above student completes a phoenix task worth 300 EXP, his or her Total EXP will be adjusted to 6800 out of a possible 7500, which would bring him or her up to an A. While they are not mandatory, *it is fully expected that most if not all students wishing to get an A will have to complete some Phoenix Tasks during the course of the semester.*

Like before, I will continue to use the Grading Profiles on the class website to update students and parents on student progress and EXP (fulmerphysics.weebly.com/grading-profile).

I appreciate your flexibility as I continue to try to develop the most fair and effective means of monitoring and promoting student progress I can.

Physics Syllabus Adjustment Agreement

My signature indicates that I have thoroughly read, understand, and agree to the above-mentioned policies and expectations of Mr. Fulmer’s physics course and assume full responsibility for any and all repercussions as a result of non-compliance.

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____