

Birchwood School of Hawken

Explanation of Grades

1. Academic Grade:

Reports academic achievement measured against Birchwood School's objective standards.

94-100 %	A	Superior
86-93 %	B	Above Average
78-85 %	C	Average
70-77 %	D	Below Average
0-69 %	F	Failure

2. Effort Grade:

Reports work habits on a continuum from 1-10 (low to high).

- 1-4 Student is not completing assignments.
- 5-7 Student completes work.
 - A "5" indicates work is completed but inaccurate, not thorough, and/or sloppy.
 - A "7" indicates work is accurate, thorough, and neat.
 - Grades in this category can be relative to a student's past performance.
- 8-10 Student's work exceeds expectations. Student has met a personal goal or challenge.

3. Character Trait Goals

Reports behavior measured against character trait goals that are grade specific as listed below.

Beginning in the third grade, student growth is reported on a separate form and is part of the official transcript.

Grades 1 & 2

Student demonstrates:

1. Respect for things and for people.
2. Ability to obey the teacher and follow rules.
3. Respect for others' space, person, and property.

Grades 3 & 4

Student demonstrates:

1. Ability to plan, prepare, and organize for school work.
2. Responsibility for homework, class work, independent work, and group work.
3. A respectful attitude toward teachers, other students, property, and school rules.
4. Helpful and kind consideration of teachers and other students.

Grades 5 & 6

Student demonstrates:

1. Ability to plan, prepare, and organize for school work.
2. Industry and care concerning school work.
3. Habits of being goal-oriented and self-motivated.
4. Respect and consideration toward teachers, other students, school rules, and school property.

Grades 7 & 8

Student demonstrates:

1. Productiveness: organized, goal-oriented, task-centered, committed, industrious, self-motivated, and responsible.
2. Social consciousness: In group settings is cooperative, helpful, and takes initiative. Student is conscious of others' needs and makes efforts to accommodate and/or help others.