

## Grades and Apex Courses Explanation

Students that are enrolled in an Apex online course have a conflict with the normal grading system. Skyward is our web based grading system that is designed for traditional classrooms. This system does not accommodate online courses. **The result is that students will not get a grade on their report card for online courses at semester. Credit will be posted to transcripts at the end of semester 1 and semester 2.**

**In order to generate student schedules, we must connect a course code with a spot on the roster for each class. Therefore, MAT800 or LAN800 are place holders for scheduling purposes. Once credit is earned, these become the actual credit (LAN301, LAN221, MAT121) on the transcript.**

For example, a student that enrolls in a math class will be scheduled into a MAT800. The class does not reflect whether the student is enrolled in Algebra, Geometry or any individual class. The MAT800 allows for the enrollment of all courses, but if a teacher enters a grade into Skyward it will trigger a MAT800 credit which would be a mistake. Teachers are required to write the grade by hand and have the registrar manually enter the course and the grade. The hand written credits will appear only on the student's transcript and **not on the report card.** Students in online courses earn credits by work completion, not by the semester system.

At the end of the semester Apex teachers are required to enter what course the student is currently enrolled in and write a grade. Typically, students will receive an NC on their transcript, but that grade does not reflect the student's effort in class. It only explains what course the student was enrolled in at the end of the year.

For parents to find out how their student did in math during the school year they should refer to the transcript. If a student had a successful year there should be two half credits in mathematics. If they were enrolled for the entire year in Apex courses and they have zero credits on their transcript then the student has fallen behind in math. I hope this clarifies this confusing issue.