

# Lamar County Middle School - LCMS GRADING POLICY

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	<u>Assessments</u> This percentage consists of Unit Tests, Chapter Tests, and Culminating Unit Projects.	<b>20%</b>
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- ✓ 9 week progress report

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- ✓ 4 ½ week progress report
- ✓ Semester 1 Report Card

### 3<sup>rd</sup> 9 weeks

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