

Checking your Semester Grades in PowerSchool

This guide will show you how to check your Gradebook to ensure that both Q1 and Q2 are counted equally in the overall S1 grade.

Open your Gradebook, select a HS class, and set the Reporting Term to Q1.

Adjust the columns so you can see the student's overall Q1 final letter grade, percentage, and point totals. If you DON'T see point totals make sure your preferences are set correctly, go to the Tools menu and select 'Preferences'. Here you can make sure that 'Points Earned' is checked.

You want to check how many points possible a student *could* have for 1st quarter. To do that you'll need to find a student who has a score for EVERY assignment for the quarter. Blank scores will ignore the assignment, so a student with many blank assignments will have an inflated grade.

Looking at the example scoresheet on the right you can see that 230 points is the highest total, this is also the total points possible for Q1.

Now change the Reporting Term to Q2. Again look at the point totals of the students. In the example Gradebook we see that the highest point total is 555 points.

This tells us that Q1 is worth roughly half of what Q2. This means that Q2 is worth two-thirds of the overall S1 grade while Q1 is only worth one-third. Ideally Q1 and Q2 would be equal, and each contribute one-half of the S1 grade.

There are two options for fixing this issue, each solution will need to be done for all your HS classes.

The quickest way to make your quarters equal is to change your settings to grade on term weights rather than total points. Click on the Grade Setup tab, then make sure that S1 is the selected term. Down below where it says Calculate final grade using, select 'Term weights'. Then double-click in the Weight column and type in two equal amounts (it can be 5 and 5, 50 and 50, or 1 and 1). Click save to make the change, then go back to your Scoresheet. The S1 grade will probably have changed, and you will no longer see point totals, instead you will see 'n/a'.

The second option is to add assignments and points to the quarter that has a lower point total until both quarters are roughly equal.

Filter By: Reporting Term: Q1

St...	(Q1) Final Grade			Making meani... 08/26/2008 pts: 5	Cold Equation...
A...	F	12%	28/230	0	
D...	A	91%	210/230	5	
D...	B	88%	202/230	5	
D...	F	54%	59/110		
E...	D	64%	147/230	5	
F...	F	59%	65/110	Ex	
H...	B	83%	191/230	5	
H...	B	87%	201/230	5	

Filter By: Reporting Term: Q2

St...	(Q2) Final Grade			Millionaire Hor... 11/13/2008 pts: 15
A...	F	37%	154/420	0
D...	A	94%	520/555	13
D...	D	63%	272/435	12
D...	D	61%	119/195	
E...	C	73%	392/540	12
F...	F	38%	66/175	Ex
H...	D	62%	343/555	11

Calculate final grade using:

- Total points Number of low scores to disca
- Term weights
- Category weights

Name	Weight	Percent
Q1	50	50.0%
Q2	50	50.0%

Filter By: Reporting Term: S1

St...	(S1) Final Grade		
A...	F	25%	n/a
D...	A	93%	n/a
D...	C	76%	n/a
D...	F	58%	n/a
E...	D	69%	n/a
F...	F	49%	n/a