



Grading System in Hong Kong Schools (From AFS-Hong Kong)

At the end of every academic year, the pupil's exam results, conducts and achievements are recorded on a school report card. Most schools grade pupils' marks either in actual marks or in grades (e.g. A-H). The grading system is as follows:

90-100 = Outstanding (A)
80-90 = Very Good (B)
70-80 = Good (C)
60-70 = Satisfactory (D)
50-60 = Average (D)
40-50 = Pass (E)
30-40 = Fail (F)
>30 = Very Poor (G-H)

In some schools 40 is the passing mark while in others it is 50. In general, a student with 60 or 70 would be the target for our AFS Hong Kong program and we would highly consider 50 and above. It is not uncommon for excellent, academically oriented students to receive "C's" or even "D's". This is part of the competitive nature of education in Hong Kong. "A's" and "B's" are very rarely given.

We understand how difficult it is for a principal seeing a grade of D or E, which is equivalent to 50 or 40 to accept a student as academically sound. Let me assure you that all of our students go through a very careful selection process and on average our students do quite well on their exchange years. *Our largest complaint from host countries is that our students spend too much time on their studies.*