

# Time to get grades

INFORMATION FOR GUARDIANS ABOUT GRADES IN YEAR 6



## Grades will now be given from year 6 onwards. This is a way of showing how your child is doing at school. You can find out more about grades in this brochure.

Beginning with autumn term 2012, term grades will be awarded at compulsory school from year 6 onwards. Term grades are an assessment of the knowledge your child has shown up until grading. For second foreign language (e.g. French, German and Spanish), your child will be graded from year 7.

Term grades will be awarded in years 6 to 9. The last grades your child will be awarded in the spring term of year 9 will be the final grades. These are the grades used when applying for upper secondary school.



## Clear information reduces the risk of misunderstanding

All pupils will receive information about objectives and knowledge requirements when teaching begins in a subject and during the course of the teaching. The teacher will provide information about how your child is doing at school and on what grounds the grade will be awarded.

Grades are a tool for showing how your child's knowledge corresponds to the knowledge requirements. The grade can also indicate whether your child needs support in order to achieve the knowledge requirements for the minimum pass grade. Development discussions and the individual development plan provide information about how your child is doing at school.

You and your child are also entitled to get information about the reasons for the grade in a subject from the teacher who has decided on the grade.



## The grading scale

At compulsory school, the grading scale has six levels: A, B, C, D, E and F. A is the highest grade, and E is the lowest pass grade. F is a non-pass. Grades will be awarded according to the entire grading scale.

If no grade can be given because your child has been absent from school too often, this will be shown with a dash.

## Absence

As a guardian, you have the ultimate responsibility for your child taking part in school work. If your child has been absent without permission from the teacher or head teacher, this is called an unauthorised absence. In the event of an unauthorised absence, you are entitled as a guardian to be informed of about this on the same day. Unauthorised absence will be recorded in the term grade report.





## National tests

Your child has already carried out national tests in year 3. In year 6, national tests are carried out in English, maths, Swedish or Swedish as a second language, a humanities subject and a science subject. Humanities subjects include geography, history, religious education and social studies. Science subjects include biology, physics and chemistry.

National tests help the teacher to assess your child's knowledge, and are a tool used by the teacher when awarding grades.

## Grades at special compulsory school

Grades are only awarded at compulsory school for pupils with learning impairments if you or your child request a grade. This does not apply to compulsory school for pupils with severe learning impairments, where grades are not awarded. The grading scale has five levels: A, B, C, D and E.

If your child does not meet the requirements for an E grade, no grade will be awarded. Dashes are not used at special compulsory school. However, unauthorised absence will be included in the term grade. No national tests are carried out at compulsory school for pupils with learning impairments.



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