Fostering Growth Mindsets

Implementing Standards-Based Grading in College Algebra

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Example Standard

4.1.1 I can identify an exponential function, its domain, its range, and whether it represents growth or decay. I can use this information to graph an exponential function.

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Score	Description
Mastery	Core understanding is solid with no errors or with trivial, easily correctable errors.
Progress	Core understanding is evident, but with gaps or non-trivial mistakes.
Needs Improvement	Significant gaps or errors in core understanding.

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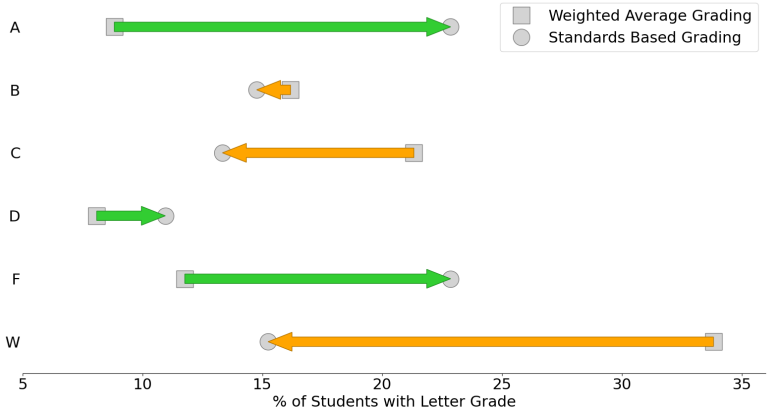
Grading Scale

# Standards Mastered	MyMathLab Average 90% - 100%	80% - 89%	70% - 79%	60% - 69%	< 60%
22 – 25	A	B	B	B	C
19 – 21	B	B	C	C	D
16 – 18	C	C	C	D	D
13 – 15	D	D	D	D	F
< 13	F	F	F	F	F

Performance in College Algebra (2021-2022)



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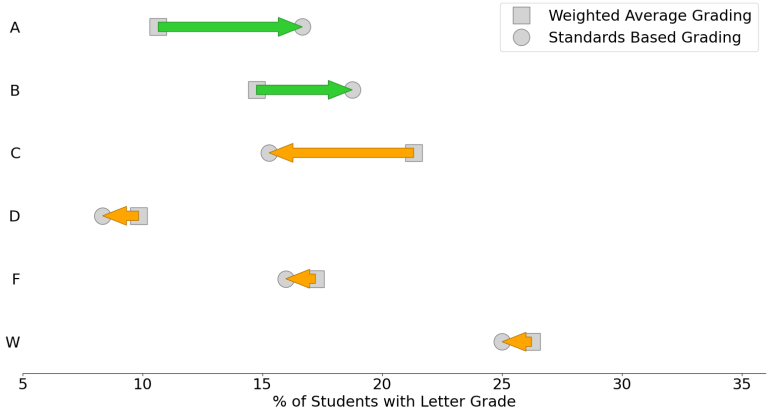

- 50.69% of students in SBG courses passed their next math course.
- 46.72% of students in WAG courses passed their next math course.

Resources

Thank you!

- Sample Materials
- Community Resources
- Meetings and Workshops
- Scholarly Articles
- `https://blakefarman.phd/sbg-resources`