

# What's the difference between the different types of grading periods?

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ID	Grading Period Group	Description	Abbreviation	Grading Period Begin Date	Grading Period End Date	Days	Major	Minor	Grade Review Active	Publish Report Cards	Enable Curriculum Comment	Curriculum Comment Open for Grading	Post To Transcript	Incl GPA
<None Specified>	<None Specified>	<None Specified>	<None Specified>	<None Specified>	<None Specified>	<None Specified>	<None Specified>	<None Specified>	<None Specified>	<None Specified>	<None Specified>	<None Specified>	<None Specified>	<None Specified>
50	<None Specified>	ALL	ALL	08/18/16	06/02/17	162			No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
MS Quarters/Semesters (10 records)														
1	MS Quarters/Semesters	Mid Quarter 1	MQ1	08/18/16	09/15/16	20			No	Yes	No	No	No	No
2	MS Quarters/Semesters	Quarter 1	Q1	08/18/16	10/20/16	43		Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
3	MS Quarters/Semesters	Mid Quarter 2	MQ2	10/21/16	11/17/16	18			No	Yes	No	No	No	No
4	MS Quarters/Semesters	Quarter 2	Q2	10/21/16	01/12/17	29		Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
5	MS Quarters/Semesters	MS Semester 1	MSS1	08/18/16	01/12/17	72	Yes		No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
7	MS Quarters/Semesters	Mid Quarter 3	MQ3	01/13/17	02/27/17	26			No	Yes	No	No	No	No
8	MS Quarters/Semesters	Quarter 3	Q3	01/13/17	03/23/17	44		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
9	MS Quarters/Semesters	Mid Quarter 4	MQ4	03/24/17	04/17/17	14			Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
10	MS Quarters/Semesters	Quarter 4	Q4	03/24/17	06/02/17	46		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
11	MS Quarters/Semesters	MS Semester 2	MSS2	01/13/17	06/02/17	90	Yes		No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Summer (5 records)														
60	Summer	Summer Session I	SUM 1	06/05/17	06/09/17				No	No	Yes	No	No	No
61	Summer	Summer Session II	SUM 2	06/12/17	06/16/17				No	No	Yes	No	No	No

The different types of grading periods are different in fundamental ways that are important to understand to see how all the different grading periods contribute toward a single school year.

- **Minor Grading Periods** are typically the reporting periods (i.e., the points of the year when teachers enter grades and comments separately from their day-to-day gradebook) and those results are reported to parents via report cards.
  - *Common example: the quarters in a four-quarter year*
- **Major Grading Periods** are calculated based on minor grading periods.
  - *Common example: semesters in a four quarter/two semester year*
- **Mid-Periods** are grading periods that are neither major nor minor and are used to generate “snapshots” of grades at a particular moment, but are not factored into the final grade.
  - *Common example: a mid-quarter or mid-semester progress report that is sent home*