

ACADEMICS

TESTING

Each spring, students will be given the IOWA tests to show how they compare with national ratings.

GRADING

The Bensalem Baptist grading system is alphabetic and non-weighted (based on a 4.0 scale). For the numerical grade which corresponds to your child's grade, see the following scale. Grades will be issued four times a year on a report card. An emailed bi-weekly report will reflect the student's grades for the past two weeks. This report is intended to let a parent know when there is a problem while there is still time to improve the grade. All tests and quizzes receiving a grade of D or F will also be sent home in the Friday folder for a parent's signature.

GRADING SCALE

A+	97 - 100	C	73 - 76
A	93 - 96	C-	70 - 72
A-	90 - 92	D+	67 - 69
B+	87 - 89	D	63 - 66
B	83 - 86	D-	60 - 62
B-	80 - 82	F	0 - 59
C+	77 - 79		

PROMOTION AND RETENTION

All students who have successfully completed the grade level curriculum will be promoted to the next grade. Notice will be given on the final report card. Retention is recognized to be a serious action with long term consequences. For that reason, retentions are decided upon carefully. A student may be retained for the following reasons:

1. Elementary students who fail reading or two other subjects.
2. Junior High students who fail two academic subjects. If only one academic subject is failed, the student may be made to repeat that subject.
3. Senior High students who fail a required course must repeat that course in order to graduate.

4. High school students who do not have a Bible credit for each year that they attend Bensalem Baptist School.
5. Students who have missed more than 25 days of school whether excused or unexcused.

Any student who is repeating a grade will be on academic probation during the following year. If the student is failing at the end of the first semester, that student may be withdrawn from the school.

REPORT CARDS

Report cards are released every quarter and contain a record of each student's academic progress. Parents are to sign the report cards and return them to school the following academic day. Report cards cannot be released if the student's account is not up to date or arrangements have not been made for payment. There will be a \$5.00 fee to replace a lost report card.

HONOR ROLLS

On each report card, there is a place to indicate if a student has achieved Honor Roll. Students can achieve Honor Roll in the following ways:

Distinguished Honor Roll	-	All A's
Honor Roll	-	All A's and B's
Principal's Merit List	-	All A's, B's, and up to one C