GRADING

Our team is looking for ways of grading CR and IS coursework that do not affect students' GPA's if the coursework is not completed by the end of the term.

School District	Contact Info	Answers Received
Lakeville	Clifford.Skagen@isd194.org	We simply give the students a progress report grade. The class will show up on the report card but nothing appears in the grade column because no grade has been given. We could use the "I" in our student information systems since it does not calculate into the GPA. We chose the first method because it will cause "Alarm" for the parents. We they call or email we can give them the percent of the class they have finished, or they can go online and it will be reflected in the gradebook. For IS and CR classes, students must turn in all assignments at a 80% or better for a grade. Ultimately this is helping the students get their GPA up for college, if and when they choose to do so. We also calculate the % complete so we can receive some funding for the portion that is complete. Our theory is we might as well get as much revenue as we can get. Please let me know if you have questions. My office manager, Sharon, or I can answer detailed questions if you need more information. By the way, we use Infinite CAMPUS as our student information system. We can be reached at 952.232.2080.
SW/WC Service Cooperatives	Jill.Cihak@swsc.org	We simply give an incomplete on the report card with a notation that states Credit recover/Independent Study grades are awarded upon completion. If the student does not finish the packet we will turn it into an F otherwise we simply enter the grade when they are finished.
St Paul Public Schools	leslie.snow@spps.org	In Saint Paul, we use a grade "NCR" in our SIS, (Infinite CAMPUS) which does not affect a student's GPA and does not appear on an official transcript either. We decided that we did not want a no credit situation to impact a student's GPA negatively a second time, since they've already had an "N" during the first time they took the class. I hope that this is helpful.
Pine City	khasz@isd578.org	We give our Independent Study students an "In Progress" at the end of the term with their hours and membership listed as well as a percentage complete notation. IS Algebra | K. Hasz | 10 | 11 | INP | 25% complete The term the student resolves the incomplete, we note it on that term's grades with something akin to this: IS Algebra W/ Term 3 - 16/17 | K. Hasz | 16 | 31 | C | .25 credit That way, it wouldn't affect the GPA, but we also don't forget to claim the membership in the event the student fails to complete the course.
Brainerd	Jessica.haapajok@isd181.org	We give partial credit at the end of the term if they have not completed the whole credit. .25, .5, .75. Let me know if you have additional questions.
Anoka Hennepin	nancy.chave@ahschools.us	We grade in 3 week increments - think of it as 4 midterms in a trimester. . Each mid-term is worth .25. Students get a letter grade for the part they completed and that is on the report card. I can send you a sample if you'd like to see it.