



# Automatic 50%?

Considering a standard Based  
Grading system

# Warm-up Task

With a partner or group, find how many different ways you can divide your blocks into

“fair” groups? (half & quarter blocks can be used)

List your groups on your given sheet of paper.

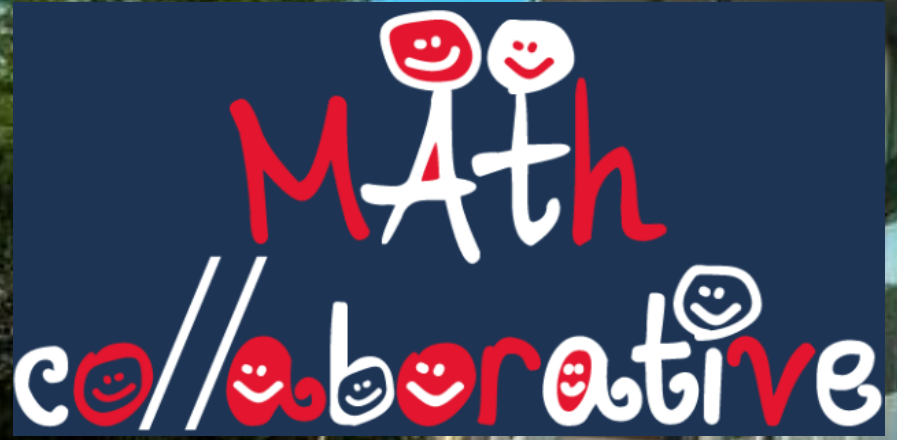
Write down the corresponding percent of each group.

Discuss what makes your groupings fair?



# WELCOME!

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# TASK #1 CARD SORT

## Part 1 – CREATE 2 PILES

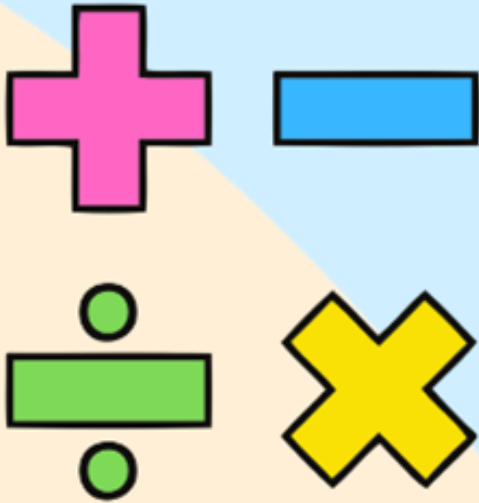
- A PASSING PILE and a FAILING PILE
- How did you decide which quiz was passing and which was failing?
- Looking at the passing stack. How did you determine which one had the highest grade?

## Part 2 – CREATE 2 LISTS

- List the things that you looked at to determine, which stack (pass or fail)? In your list, which 2 or 3 things are key for a student to pass this quiz? Bare minimum.
- List the things that you looked at to determine who has the highest grade. In your list, which 2 or 3 things are key for a student to show understanding?

# BTC

## Grading Symbols



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# Hurdles

Grading piece.




Converting to a  
percentage or letter  
grade.

Parent & student buy-  
in.



# Task #2 – MILD, MEDIUM, SPICY

## Spicy Chart

	Description
	Mild Basic problems
	Medium Intermediate problems
	Spicy Advanced Problems

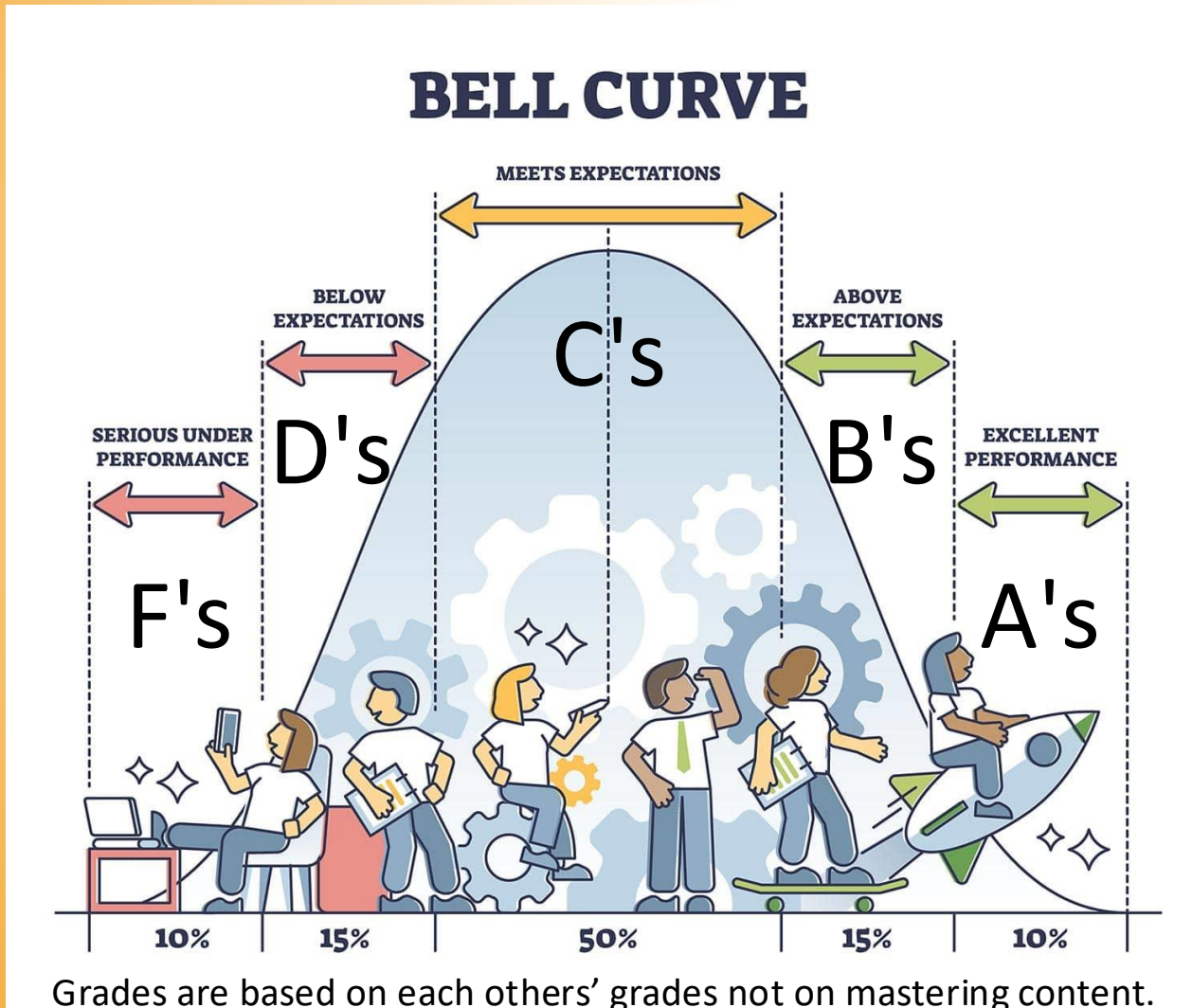
- DIRECTIONS
- Take the worksheet that was given and categorize each problem as mild, medium, spicy. (5 minutes)
- With your groups compare your results, list on the board what you used to differentiate each problem.

# Changed how I wrote/organized quizzes & tests

STANDARD/TOPIC/LESSON	MILD	MEDIUM	SPICY	
Slope-intercept Form	1, 2, 3	4, 5, 6b	6a, 7, 8	



# Need to mention the bell curve....



A's 90-100

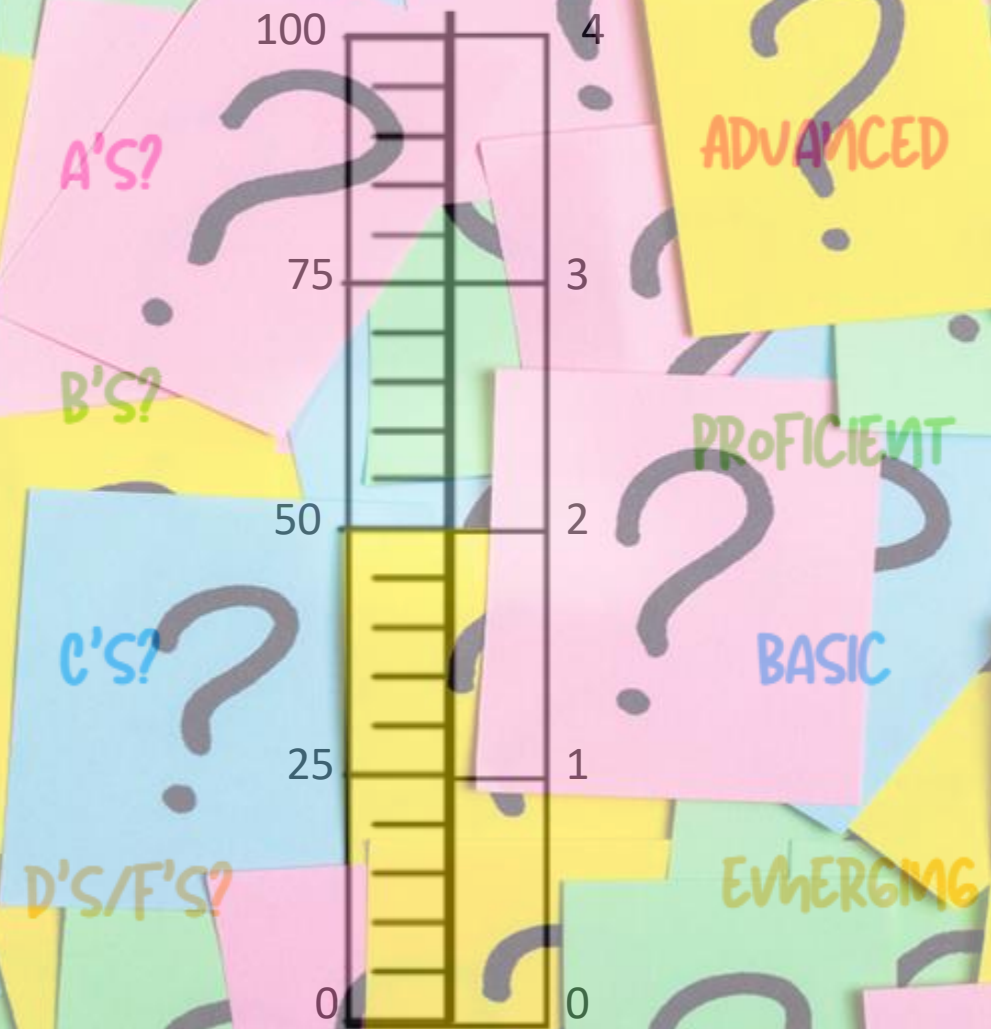
B's 75-89

C's 25-74

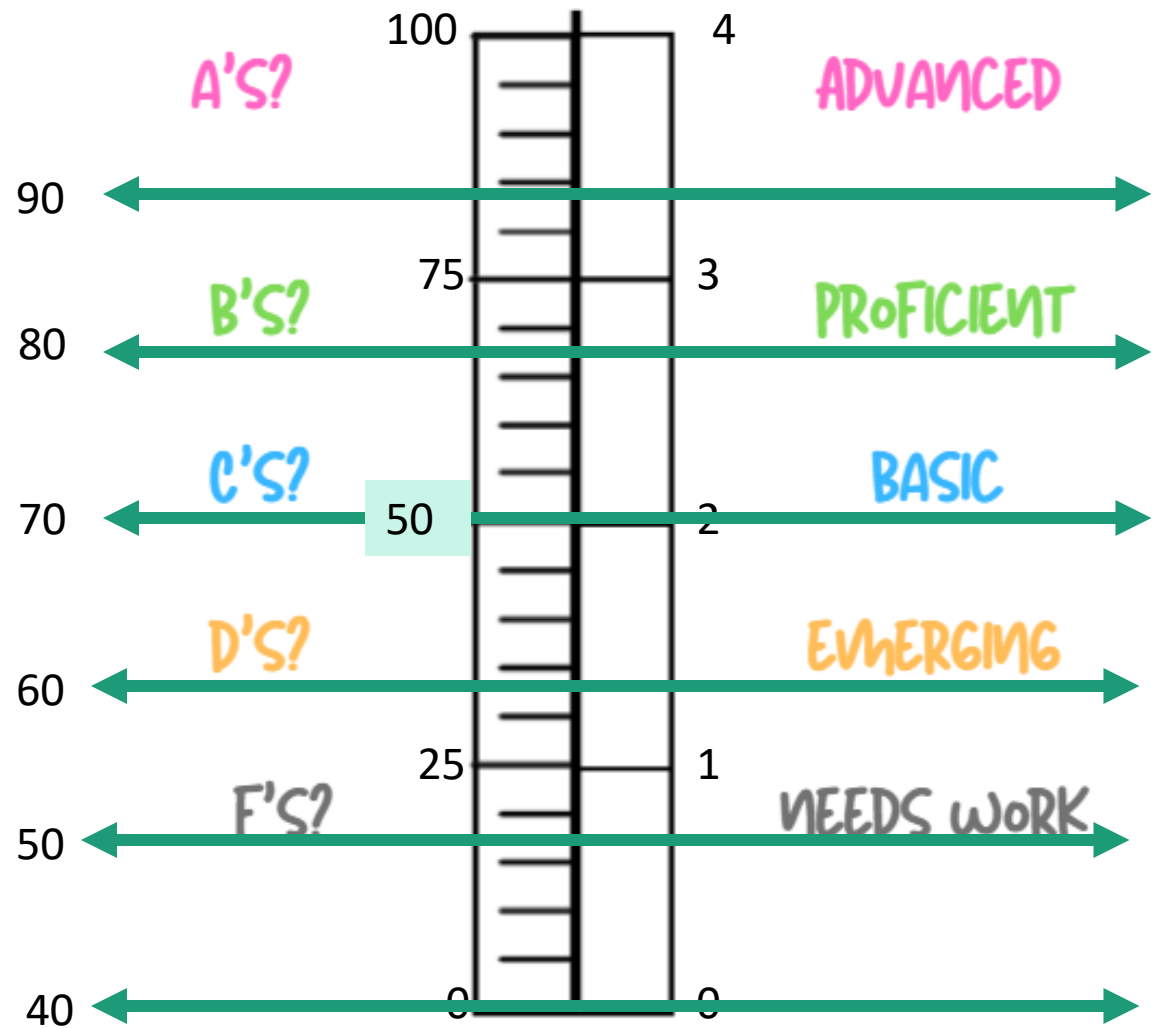
D's 10-24

F's 0-9

NEEDED A WAY TO  
CONVERT 4-POINT  
MASTERY SCALE TO A  
PERCENTAGE OR A  
LETTER GRADE



IF 2 = BASIC  
UNDERSTANDING, THEN  
2/4 (50%) WAS MY  
NEW 70%. SCALED  
UP/DOWN FROM THERE





# Evolved to this....

See Handouts

and others created this

[Automated BTC Rubric](#)

## Sliding scale 2024 Updated

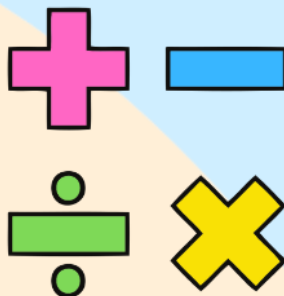
4.0 Scale; 2.0 is Basic = Passing

4.0 Advanced	Spicy <u>problems</u> ; in-depth inference & applied knowledge that go beyond the proficient level of understanding
3.0 Proficient	Medium problems; Strong evidence of understanding and application with some success at 4.0 content
2.0 Basic	Mild problems; Demonstrates a strong understanding of basic problems & prerequisite material; partial success of 3.0 content
1.0 Almost there	Approaching Basic understanding
0 No data	No evidence; even with help

4.0	100	2.667	80	1.333	60	0	40
3.933	99	2.6	79	1.267	59		39
3.867	98	2.533	78	1.2	58		38
3.8	97	2.467	77	1.133	57		37
3.733	96	2.4	76	1.067	56		36
3.667	95	2.333	75	1	55		35
3.6	94	2.267	74	0.933	54		34
3.533	93	2.2	73	0.867	53		33
3.467	92	2.13	72	0.8	52		32
3.4	91	2.067	71	0.733	51		31
3.333	90	2.0	70	0.667	50		30
3.267	89	1.933	69	0.6	49		29
3.2	88	1.867	68	0.533	48		28
3.133	87	1.8	67	0.467	47		27
3.067	86	1.733	66	0.4	46		26
3.0	85	1.667	65	0.333	45		25
2.933	84	1.6	64	0.267	44		24
2.867	83	1.533	63	0.2	43		23
2.8	82	1.467	62	0.133	42		22
2.733	81	1.4	61	0.067	41		21

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Rubric

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MINIMUM GRADE POSS	30	BUILDING THINKING CLASSROOMS GRADING RUBRIC																
How many checks to show proficiency for an objective?	2	BASIC					INTERMEDIATE					ADVANCED					OUT OF	TOTAL
SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE	# Levels	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5		
Insert objective 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
Insert objective 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
Insert objective 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
Insert objective 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
Insert objective 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
Insert objective 6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
Insert objective 7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
Insert objective 8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
Insert objective 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
Insert objective 10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
Insert objective 11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
Insert objective 12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
Insert objective 13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
Insert objective 14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
Insert objective 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
Total																	0	0
FINAL GRADE																	#DIV/0!	

Task #3  
 What grade should these students earn?

**ALICIA**

FRACTIONS	BASIC	INTERMEDIATE	ADVANCED	OUT OF	MARK
Definitions	✓✓			2	2
Add and subtract proper fractions	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	4	4
Add and subtract mixed fractions	✓X✓	✓SX✓✓	S✓✓	4	4
Multiply and divide proper fractions	XX✓✓	NNX✓X	✓✓✓	4	4
Multiply and divide mixed fractions	XX✓✓	XS	XXH✓✓	4	4
Solve order of operation tasks with proper and mixed fractions	XS	NNX	✓✓	4	4
Solve contextual problems involving fractions		N✓✓	✓XSX	4	3
Estimate solutions for problems involving fractions	XXN✓	XN✓S	✓✓✓	4	4
	2	3	4	30	29

Figure 14.6 Alicia's performance on the fractions unit.

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 students  
 earn?

### JENNIFER

FRACTIONS	BASIC	INTERMEDIATE	ADVANCED	OUT OF	MARK
Definitions	√X√ <sub>c</sub> √ <sub>o</sub>			2	2
Add and subtract proper fractions	√√	XXH√ <sub>c</sub> √	XXNX <sub>c</sub> X <sub>c</sub>	4	3
Add and subtract mixed fractions	NXH√X	√ <sub>c</sub> √√	XGHX	4	3
Multiply and divide proper fractions	√√	X S √ <sub>c</sub> √	XNGX <sub>o</sub>	4	3
Multiply and divide mixed fractions	XH√ <sub>c</sub> √√	XHHX	NNX	4	2
Solve order of operation tasks with proper and mixed fractions	√S√ <sub>c</sub>	XHX <sub>c</sub>	XNN	4	2
Solve contextual problems involving fractions		XH√ <sub>c</sub> √ <sub>o</sub>	GXXHX <sub>c</sub>	4	3
Estimate solutions for problems involving fractions	√√	XH√	N√ <sub>c</sub> √√	4	4
	2	3	4	30	22

Figure 14.7 Jennifer's performance on the fractions unit.



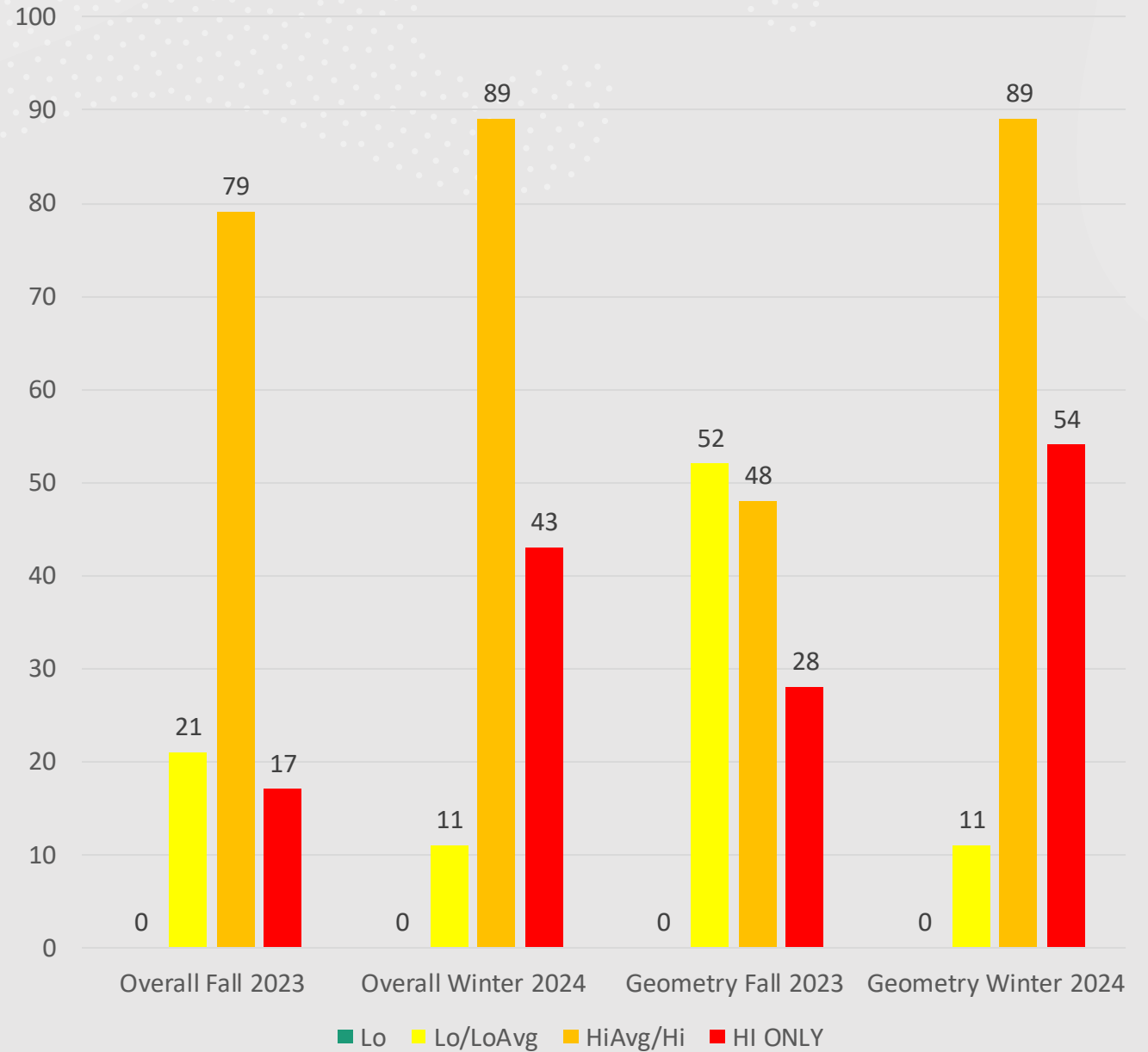
# Closing thoughts....

**“Facilitating mastery and learning in all of our students is, at the end of the day, the *telos*, or ultimate goal, of education.”** Glenn Geher, *Psychology Today*

**“The purpose of grading is growth.”** Robert Talbert, Grading for Growth Substack

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