

CLASSWORK · SCORES · WEIGHTED AVERAGES

Give scored work a clear, shared record

An optional gradebook for the classes that need one.

Narrative evaluations carry most of the story in a Waldorf school, but some classes also keep scored work. Defero lets a teacher gather that work into categories, record scores and see averages, with a read-only view for the class's linked guardians.

Gather the scored work

Create categories and assignments within a class. Give each assignment its possible points, and add assigned or due dates where they help.

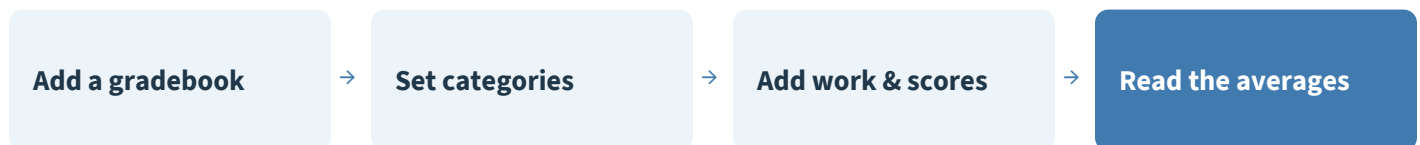
Weigh the work as you intend

Set relative category weights to reflect the balance you intend. Defero works out the averages from the scored work.

Keep families in the picture

Linked guardians can see their child's class gradebook. Saved scores appear to them without a separate publishing step.

How it connects



FICTIONAL EXAMPLE

A clear balance between kinds of work

In a fictional class, Practice carries a weight of 40 and Assessments a weight of 60. A student stands at 90% in scored Practice work and 80% in scored Assessments. With both categories contributing, the weighted average is 84%. Blank scores are simply left out until they are entered.

Try a gradebook in one class where the scoring is already clear.

HOW IT WORKS, STEP BY STEP

From class setup to saved scores

An administrator or the class's teacher can look after the gradebook. Gradebooks from earlier years are read-only.

1

Add the gradebook

Open a current-year class and choose Add gradebook. Do this only where scored work genuinely helps; a class's narrative evaluations never need a gradebook.

2

Set the categories

Look over the category names, colors and relative weights. A weight of 40 counts twice as much as 20; weights need not add up to 100. Settle the balance before teachers begin entering work.

3

Add assignments

Place each assignment in its category and enter the possible points. Add assigned and due dates where they help. A clear title lets teachers and families recognize the work at a glance.

4

Enter and save scores

Choose Edit under an assignment, enter the scores and save the column. Check the entries over. Linked guardians see saved scores right away, so follow the school's agreed practice for unfinished work and corrections.

A gradebook and an evaluation do different jobs

The gradebook holds scored assignments and their averages. Evaluations hold the teacher's written or template-based contribution to the student report. Use either or both as the class calls for, but a gradebook average does not carry itself into the student report.

PUTTING IT INTO PRACTICE

Make the arithmetic easy to explain

Teachers and families should be able to say plainly what an average includes, especially while the term is still under way.

First, total the scored points in each category

Fictional Practice scores: 18/20 and 36/40. Together they make 54/60, or 90%. A category divides the total points earned by the total points possible for scored work; it does not simply average the assignment percentages.

Then, apply the category weights

Fictional Assessments score: 16/20, or 80%. With Practice weighted 40 and Assessments weighted 60, the average is $(90 \times 40 + 80 \times 60) \div 100 = 84\%$. Each category's share follows its relative weight.

A blank is unscored, not a zero

A blank score is left out, never counted as zero. A category with no scored work yet for that student is left out too, until it has scores. An average mid-term therefore reflects the work scored so far, and will settle as more scores are saved.

Before families see the gradebook

- ☐ Agree category weights and assignment point values.
- ☐ Explain how the school treats missing or unfinished work.
- ☐ Remember that saved scores are visible to linked guardians right away.
- ☐ Check the entries, and let families know averages will move over the term.

Clear scoring. Averages anyone can follow. Families in the picture.

Next: Evaluations covers the teachers' writing and student reports; Defero for Families welcomes parents and guardians.