How does the M (50% floor) affect students with high and low grades?

Findings

- **M Grades do not artificially raise grades, nor do they prevent low grades.**
- Students with higher grades (primarily A's and B's) tend to have a smaller number of "M" grades in the gradebook - typically less than one "M" grade per class.
- Students with lower grades (primarily C's and below) tend to have a larger number of "M" grades in the gradebook.
- The presence of large numbers of M grades is NOT preventing students from earning low grades.
- The presence of "M" grades provides an opportunity for students to earn credit for their work, rather than be hampered by the impact of 0 grades.

Hinsdale South Gradebook Analysis - Number of “M” Grades Students Earning **Higher Grades**

	Year in School	**Semester 1 Grades**	**# of M Grades**	**Average M Grades per Class**
Student A	Freshman	5 As, 1 B	4	0.7
Student B	Freshman	5 As, 1 B, 1 C	8	1.1
Student C	Sophomore	2 As, 4 Bs	23	3.8
Student D	Sophomore	5 As, 2 Bs	9	1.3
Student E	Junior	5 As, 1 B, 1 C	2	0.3
Student F	Junior	3 As, 4 Bs	3	0.4
Student G	Senior	6 As	3	0.5
Student H	Senior	2 As, 4 Bs, 1 C	5	0.7

Hinsdale Central Gradebook Analysis - Number of “M” Grades Students Earning **Higher Grades**

	Year in School	**Semester 1 Grades**	**# of M Grades**	**Average M Grades per Class**
Student A	Freshman	6 As, 1 B	1	0.1
Student B	Freshman	5 As, 1 B, 1 C	5	0.7
Student C	Sophomore	4 As, 2 Bs, 1 C	1	0.1
Student D	Sophomore	7 As	0	0
Student E	Junior	6 As, 2 Bs	6	0.8
Student F	Junior	7 As	2	0.3
Student G	Senior	2 As, 4 Bs	4	0.7
Student H	Senior	6 As	3	0.5

Hinsdale South Gradebook Analysis - Number of “M” Grades Students Earning **Lower Grades**

	Year in School	**Semester 1 Grades**	**# of M Grades**	**Average M Grades per Class**
Student A	Freshman	1 A, 4 Ds, 1 F	116	19.3
Student B	Freshman	1 A, 2 Bs, 3 Cs, 1 D	50	7.1
Student C	Sophomore	1 A, 2 Cs, 3 Ds	89	14.8
Student D	Sophomore	1 A, 1 B, 4 Cs	19	3.2
Student E	Junior	3 As, 1 C, 2 Ds	40	6.7
Student F	Junior	1 A. 2 Bs, 4 Cs	8	1.1
Student G	Senior	1 A, 2 Cs, 4 Ds	79	11.3
Student H	Senior	1 A, 1 B, 1 C, 3 Ds, 1 F	128	18.3

Hinsdale Central Gradebook Analysis - Number of “M” Grades Students Earning **Lower Grades**

	Year in School	**Semester 1 Grades**	**# of M Grades**	**Average M Grades per Class**
Student A	Freshman	1 A, 3 Cs, 2 Ds	24	4.0
Student B	Freshman	2 As, 2 Bs, 1 C, 2 Ds	65	9.3
Student C	Sophomore	1 A, 1 B, 2 Cs, 3 Ds	35	5.0
Student D	Sophomore	1 A, 1 B, 4 Cs	5	0.8
Student E	Junior	1 A, 1 B, 4 Cs	17	2.8
Student F	Junior	1 A, 2 Bs, 3 Cs, 1 D	61	8.7
Student G	Senior	2 As, 1 B, 4 Cs	18	2.6
Student H	Senior	2 Bs, 1 C, 2 Ds, 1 F	74	12.3