Types of Grading Systems

There are different types of acceptable grading systems around the world. They are classified into seven types:

1. **Grading Percentage**– from 0 to 100 percent
2. **Letter Grading and Variations –** from A grade to F grade
3. **Standard-referenced Grading**– typically comparing students to each other with letter grades
4. **Mastery Grading –** Students are rated as 'masters' or 'passers' until their accomplishment reaches a defined level.
5. **Common Scale**– Pass/Fail
6. **Rating of Expectations** (or grading of absolute standards) **–** Comparing student success with a pre-established performance level of quality
7. **Narrative Grading –** Writing feedback on learners

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Qualities of a Good Grading System

The following are a few qualities that can help us determine which grading systems can be considered as 'good'.

- A good grading system clearly and accurately communicates results to students, parents, and teachers.
- Like in any other field of living, a good grading system ensures consistency and fairness in the assessment of learning.
- Fairness can only be implied when the system recognises which students need special attention or cannot cope up with their studies.
- A good grading system measures academic progress and achievement separately from character traits, and behaviors, so that parents and teachers can accurately determine the difference between learning needs and behavioral needs.
- A good grading system doesn't demotivate students, instead helps them understand their aptitude and excel academically as well as in life.

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