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UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD'S

STANDARDS-BASED REPORT CARD

A PARENT GUIDE

WHAT IS STANDARDS-BASED GRADING (SBG)?

- Allows teachers to assess and report on individual standards.
- A proficiency scale is used to score each standard rather than one single grade for a subject.
- Standards-based grading places more emphasis on growth.

WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF SBG?

- Provides more meaningful information about your child's progress.
- Students have multiple opportunities to demonstrate proficiency if the standard was not mastered the first time it was taught.

WHAT DOES THE PROFICIENCY SCALE MEAN?

4: Your child has gone above and beyond level 3 by going deeper into his/her understanding of the standard at his/her grade level. Your child is now able to apply concepts beyond what was taught. Not every standard has the opportunity for a 4.

3: Level 3 is the goal for ALL standards. Your child has **mastered** all the grade-level requirements for the individual standard.

2: Your child can do all of the foundational skills and can use vocabulary associated with the standard, but still needs assistance.

1: With help, your child can do **some** foundational or prerequisite skills needed to fully master the standard.

Achieving a 0.5, 1.5, 2.5, or 3.5 is possible. It would mean that your child has partial mastery of the level above.

*A student on an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) might receive a modified score indicated by an asterisk.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is it bad if my child scores a 1 or 2? No, especially in the beginning of the year. It means that your child has not mastered that standard yet. The goal is to achieve a 3 by the end of the school year.

Why can't I see one final grade per subject? This doesn't tell the whole picture. For example, a student could fail every assignment on addition but still make an A in math overall because grades on other topics are high. With one grade parents cannot easily identify standards that have not been mastered.