



# FREMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT 79

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*Office of the Assistant Superintendent of Learning*

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Subject: Standards-Based Grading Purpose and Guiding Principles

*This is an installment to accompany a series of communications regarding our implementation of standards-based grading across the district. [Our District website](#) has prior communications and additional resources posted.*

Dear Fremont School District 79 Families:

A common topic that has come up in the District's parent focus group meetings this fall has been standards-based grading. As a District, we recognize that standards-based grading is a shift from the traditional letter grading, so it is important for us to regularly communicate the guiding principles that ultimately impact student outcomes. These reminders are important, whether you are a parent who has been in the District for a number of years or if you are relatively new to FSD79. We highlight two SBG principles in this month's Focus:

*Principle 1 - Grades and Reports Should Be Based on Clearly Specified Learning Goals and Performance Standards.*

***What does this mean for my child(ren)?*** All students in the same grade in the same course, no matter their instructor, will be graded using the same standards.

*Principle 2 - Evidence Used for Grading Should Be Valid.*

***What does this mean for my child(ren)?*** Students are assessed on what they are taught. There are no trick questions and no surprises.

Our goal is for you to see these principles in action as we continue on our standards-based grading implementation journey together. Stay tuned for additional communications and feel free to visit our [Standards-Based Grading webpage](#) for further information.

Thank you,

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