



# PARKLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Educating For Success, Inspiring Excellence.*

## Administration Center

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April 17, 2020

Good Afternoon Elementary Families,

We appreciate your patience and support through the E-Learning experience. We recently learned that students will be unable to return to schools before the end of the school year. The elementary schools have eliminated the 4<sup>th</sup> marking period, and instead, will extend the 3<sup>th</sup> marking period to the end of the school year. There will be no end-of-the-year common assessments given to students. And, the schools have updated the Elementary Grading Guidelines for the remainder of the school year.

We will continue to follow standards-based grading. Standards-based grading measures how well an individual student is doing in relation to the grade level standards/skills. In addition, standards-based grading looks at progress over the course of the marking period. The components of standards-based grading will be followed when teachers give scores at the end of the school year. Students will be given multiple opportunities to show their level of understanding or mastery of grade level standards during their E-Learning experience. Teachers will also use students' scores from gradebooks that were attained during the third marking period prior to March 12th. No final end-of-year student grade should suffer as a result of the school closure. With that in mind, teachers will follow these guidelines to help determine the 3rd marking period grade for your child:

- Teachers will determine what standards-based grade your child would have received as of March 12, 2020.
- If the work your child completes during E-learning is in line with the standards-based grade he or she would have earned on March 12th, then that is the grade he or she will receive for the end-of-year report card.
- If your child is struggling with new concepts while at home, but makes an effort to connect with the teacher and complete work, then his or her grade will not be negatively impacted on the end-of-the-year standards-based report card. Your child's score will not regress, rather he or she will receive the standards-based score he or she would have received on March 12th if he or she were still in school.
- If your child has increased his or her level of understanding of grade level standards, then he or she can increase their standards-based scores for the end-of-year report card.

We appreciate your cooperation and support during the school closure and E-learning.

Sincerely,

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