

John Muir Middle School
Effectively Reporting Student Behaviors

Hello John Muir Families,

We hope the 2021-2022 school year has been a great experience for your child(ren)!

We, here at John Muir Middle School, are excited to bring a new initiative to your attention in regards to how we report student learner behaviors in the classroom.

Starting with the 4th quarter of the 2021/2022 school year, every department will be implementing an Excellence Rubric to assess student's learning behaviors in the classroom. If you are familiar with how elementary report cards report learner behaviors, it will be similar. This letter is to help you understand what changes are coming and how they will affect the information you receive from each of your student's classroom teachers.

Excellence in the Classroom

John Muir is consistently focused on the guiding principles to '*Be Respectful*' and to '*Be Responsible*'. Our new behavior rubric shows students specific behaviors to be respectful and ready and clearly lays out our expectations of what it means to be respectful and responsible.

At John Muir, we strive to be consistent when evaluating student behavior. With the Excellence Rubric in place, all staff at school will have specific standards by which to gauge excellence in the classroom and students receive a more consistent response to behavior from all staff in the building.

There are two guiding principles in which we will engage for this upcoming 4th quarter as well as the school years to follow. You will be able to find the rubric attached to this letter, as well as on the John Muir Middle School Webpage.

Assessment & Grading

Teachers will be using the proficiency rubrics daily to set classroom behavior expectations. Positive behaviors are necessary skills to help students succeed in the classroom environment. Daily informal observations give students feedback for improvement on how they can meet the standards of behavior at John Muir.

Grading/Reporting reflects the level of consistent behavior demonstrated by the student throughout the entirety of the quarter. Exhibiting Responsible and Respectful skills is an ongoing process and we are focused on the daily improvements made by each student. When reporting we are informing parents and guardians on the overall behaviors demonstrated by their student.

Report Card

When you receive your students report card it will look slightly different. Families that have gone through a Wausau School District elementary school will notice that our new reporting system will look very much like the ones from that experience. In addition to your student's academic letter grade, you will also see a behavior indicator for *Respectfulness* and *Responsibility* denoted by a 3, 2, or a 1 (*please see the attached rubric*).

Our goal, as always, is to provide our families and students with appropriate and timely feedback so that we can move students forward in their journey towards excellence.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask your child's teachers or administration in regards to this new reporting system.

Sincerely,



John Muir Middle School Staff & Administration