

Standards Based Grading and Reporting

Pillager Elementary School

To begin Fall of 2019



What are Standards?

Standards are statements of **what** students should **know and be able to do** at each grade level and course. They are aligned with local, state and national expectations, and allow for consistency of instruction across schools and districts.

What is Standards Based Grading?

Standards Based Grading allows **parents** and **students** to see exactly which skills and knowledge the student has acquired and which skills still need more development. Grading will consist of **M** (Mastery of Learning Target or **Meets Standard**), **P** (Partial Mastery of Learning Target or **Partially Meets Standard**), or **D** (**Does not meet Standard**). An **"X"** indicates a Learning Target or Standard that is not assessed in that marking period.

Only Learning Counts!

In Standards Based Grading or Reporting, only learning counts toward reflection of your child's understanding of that standard or learning target. Behavior and study skills (**Non-academic indicators** regarding students) will be reported separately from academic grades. A student's final grade **only** reflects the work in the essential standard that the student has been working to master. Some academic areas (P.E./ Music) may have non-academic areas as part of their local, state or national standards.

What can I expect as a parent/ guardian?

***By the Fall of 2019** we will be converting report cards to **Standard Based Report cards in grades K-4**; with grades 5-8 to follow in the fall of 2020.

*Students may be mastering skills and standards at different rates. Expect more **personalized learning**, opportunity for students to retest on standards and skills they have not yet mastered; and differentiation.

***Calendar and Conferences**— Next year we will only be reporting in **two semesters** (instead of the current quarters). Watch for feedback in October, but "formal" **Parent-Teacher conferences** will only occur in January—at the end of the first semester.

*Watch for more parent information and meetings next fall.

Thank you in advance for your patience and support as we make these exciting educational changes!

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