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Regarding: New Standards-Based Report Card

To: Manteca Unified School District Elementary Families

There is an exciting change coming to report cards in the 2024-2025 school year! After much research and planning, Manteca Unified has developed **Standards-Based Report Cards** for students in TK-6th grade. This change is important as it supports our mission of providing every student with an equitable opportunity to learn and be successful, no matter who they are or where they go to school.

This means, your child's report card will look different beginning next school year. Instead of traditional letter grades, you'll see words like "Exceeded", "Proficient", "Approaching," "Beginning", or "Insufficient" next to each academic standard your child is learning to measure if they have learned the standard. This new report card makes it easier to see what your child understands well and where they might need extra support.

Why Standards-Based Report Cards?

The traditional grading system, which uses letter grades from A-F, can sometimes leave out important details, such as understanding your child's academic strengths, or how your child can improve. Traditional grading focuses on several scores from tests and assignments but does not tell parents which skills their child has mastered. For example, reporting that a student earned a "C" in math does not help a student or their parents know what they can or cannot do.

Our new report card provides clear communication about the exact learning goals students are expected to achieve in their grade level. For example, it's much clearer to report that a student earned a "Proficient" mark in multiplying and dividing fractions.

In other words, instead of focusing on percentages or points, standards-based reporting focuses on how well your child understands the material versus their ability to earn points.

With the new report cards, we believe that your understanding of what is expected of your child and how well they are progressing is very important. This clarity will help parents and caretakers to support their child's learning more effectively.

Standards-based report cards started with a committee of educational experts!

Over the past three years, the Manteca Unified Reporting Committee made up of teachers, principals, and district administrators, worked together to develop the new standards-based reporting system. As part of our process, the new report cards were tested in selected classrooms across the district during the 2023-2024 school year. Known as a pilot program, it included about 3,200 families and 110 TK-6 teachers who adopted the system



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early. We listened to their feedback and made improvements to make sure we were ready for full implementation across the district.

How will student progress be reported on the new report card?

The following scale will be used to communicate student progress toward meeting standards for all subject areas.

TK – 6 Proficiency Scale	
Exceeded (EX)	Student has demonstrated mastery of grade-level standards and can extend and apply concepts with a greater depth of understanding to new situations.
Proficient (PR)	Student demonstrates mastery of grade-level standards.
Approaching (AP)	Student shows basic understanding and is progressing toward mastery of the grade-level standard.
Beginning (BE)	Student is beginning to demonstrate understanding but is not yet meeting grade-level standards.
Insufficient (IN)	Student has not demonstrated enough evidence to assess the grade-level standards.

We invite you to attend a **Family Information Event** to learn more and ask questions. Please see the flyer at the end of this letter, scan the QR code, and RSVP to a Family Information Event or visit www.mantecausd.net/reportcards.

This exciting transition will keep parents informed about their child's learning goals, where they are succeeding, and where they need extra help. Elementary school is a critical time for children, and it is far more beneficial to focus on developing skills and learning growth than giving a letter grade. However, starting in 7th grade and through high school, students will receive traditional report cards when letter grades are referenced for college admissions with traditional GPAs (grade point averages).

Believing in every child,

Mrs. Jenni Andrews
Executive Director of Elementary Education, Manteca Unified School District



LEARN ABOUT NEW REPORT CARDS

MUSD is transitioning to a Standards-Based Report Card effective Fall 2024 for all TK-6th grade students!

During our family information event, learn what standards-based grading is all about and how it differs from traditional grading systems. Educational experts will provide information, answer questions, and offer guidance on how this new reporting system can help you better support your child's learning growth.

Why Standards-Based Report Cards?

Aligned with California State Standards, standards-based report cards are designed to clearly communicate how a child is performing in the classroom. This exciting transition will help parents know what is expected of their children at each grade level, where they are succeeding, and where they need more support. Standards-based grading focuses on mastery, growth, and equity for all students.

View sample report cards, access resources, and learn more by visiting www.mantecausd.net/reportcards.



**SCAN HERE
TO RSVP**

PLEASE JOIN US AT A FAMILY INFORMATION EVENT

3/28/24 | 6-7 PM

**Shasta Elementary
Multi-Purpose Room**

4/2/24 | 9-10 AM

**MUSD District Office
Board Room**

4/4/24 | 6-7 PM

**Veritas Elementary
Multi-Purpose Room**

4/10/24 | 6-7 PM

**Great Valley Elementary
Multi-Purpose Room**

4/16/24 | 5:30-6:30 PM

**Virtual Session via
Microsoft Teams***

*Link to join will be available at
www.mantecausd.net/reportcards