



Report Card Family Guide: Grade 4

Manteca Unified Families,

We value working together to support your child’s education and growth. MUSD has created the Standards Based Report Card (SBRC) as an effective communication tool between you and your child's teacher regarding your child’s progress toward mastering state grade-level standards throughout the school year. These standards identify what students should know and be able to do by the end of the grade level.

This **Report Card Family Guide** has been specially designed to support MUSD families with understanding your child’s report card and how you can support learning from home. One of the most impactful ways a parent/family can support is by encouraging a love of learning. Families can do this by being excited and interested about what their child is learning in class.

In this document you will find:

- Important learning standards in each subject or area for the grade level
- Guidance for families about ways they can support their child’s learning
- Additional resources for families

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Overview of the Report Cards

The MUSD purpose of the standards-based report card is to clearly communicate student performance toward grade-level standards and expectations to our families. A standards-based report card is designed to provide accurate information about student performance and growth in meeting the standard. In other words, rather than focusing on a percentage or number of points obtained, standards-based reporting focuses on student understanding or competency in each standard.

All MUSD students in grades TK-6 receive marks in the following areas: Habits of Success, English Language Arts, History/Social Studies, Mathematics, Science, Physical Education, Visual and Performing Arts, and Technology. Students who are English Language Learners receive additional marks indicating their progress in learning English Language Development Standards.

Standards-Based Report Card Marks

On the Standards-Based report card, students receive marks indicating their current level of progress toward end-of-year expectations for grade-level standards. Marks on the report card are reported as the following



letter abbreviations **EX, PR, AP, BE** for each of the four proficiency scale levels. Refer to the chart below to view the proficiency marks and descriptions.

MUSD K-6 Proficiency Scale	
Exceeded (EX)	Student has demonstrated mastery of grade level standards and is able to 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.

Goal Setting with Your Child's Teacher

What is the purpose of the Goal Setting Conference?

The Goal Setting Conference provides an opportunity to establish relationships between students, teachers, and families based on feedback and support. Goal setting helps students take ownership of their own learning. These conferences differ from a traditional parent-teacher conference, which only allows for discussion after teaching and learning have taken place.

Teachers share information based on the individual student such as anecdotal records, participation, work samples, formative assessments, MAP student profile data, and other relevant data.

Effective goal setting engages students in understanding how learning is measured. Student-owned goal setting, undertaken through a diversity of teaching styles and approaches, is a critical strategy to assist students in becoming lifelong learners.

Before the Goal Setting Conference:

- Make sure you have a scheduled conference time. If you need to cancel the scheduled time, contact the teacher to schedule a different time.
- Review your child's work.
- Talk with your child about their progress in school.
- Think about your child's strengths and challenges.
- Make a list of questions about your child's development and ways you and the teacher can help your child with some of their challenges. Examples: Is my child at the level they should be at this point in the school year? In what areas is my child excelling? How is their attendance? What can I do to help my child with upcoming work?
- Think about ways you would like to be involved in your child's learning, so you can discuss them with the teacher.



At the Goal Setting Conference:





- Be prepared for a two-way conversation to learn about your child’s social and emotional and academic progress at school. This is also an opportunity for the teacher to learn about what your child is like at home. When you tell the teacher about your child’s skills, interests, needs, and dreams, the teacher can help your child more.
- Ask to see data about your child’s attendance and academic progress at school.
- Make a goal and a plan with your child’s teacher to ensure your child’s success.
- Write down the things you and the teacher will do to support your child.
- Schedule another time to talk if you need to continue the conversation past the allotted amount of time.
- Ask your child’s teacher how best to communicate with them.

After the Goal Setting Conference:

- Talk with your child about what you learned.
- Follow up with the teacher about your child’s development and the plan that was created during the conference.

Habits of Success

At MUSD, we believe in the importance of developing students who are knowledgeable and have the attributes to be successful learners. Therefore, our goals for students include demonstration of attributes and academic performance. The Habits of Success are behaviors that lead to one’s success as a student and as a productive member of society.

 <p>Follow School rules, routines, and class expectations.</p>	 <p>Prepared, organized, and on task.</p>
 <p>Completes assignments on time.</p>	 <p>Respects and collaborates well with others</p>

Additional Resources for Families

- Toolkits for parents for each age level can be found in English and Spanish at: parenttoolkit.com
- Social-Emotional Learning information can be found at: casel.org/social-and-emotional-learning



English Language Arts

Students will continue to build the connections of reading, writing, and language. In reading they more deeply analyze text for theme, character development, point of view, and structure. They make inferences based on text evidence and compare firsthand and secondhand accounts. Fourth graders use paragraphs to produce well-developed and organized informative and opinion pieces with an introduction, body, and conclusion, along with stories that have more complex characters. They will deliver presentations with a theme.

Fourth graders will:

Grade 4 Reported English Language Arts Standards	
Reading Foundational Skills	Read on-level text with accuracy, rate, and expression to support comprehension.
Reading Literature	Use details and examples to show understanding of the text.
	Identify a theme of a text (poem, drama, or story) from details in a text.
	Show understanding of the point of view from a variety of texts.
Reading Informational Text	Draw inferences from a text by using details and examples from the text.
	Identify the main ideas and supporting details in a text.
	Use information from charts, graphs, diagrams, and timelines to understand a text.
Writing	Write an opinion, informative, and/or narrative text with a clear topic, supporting details, use of linking words or phrases, and provide a conclusion.
	Produce clear and coherent writing (including multi-paragraph texts) in which the development and organization are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.
Language	Demonstrate understanding of English language grammar in writing and speech.
	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words using a variety of strategies including context clues and root words.
Listening & Speaking	Effectively participate and build on other's ideas in different types of collaborative conversations with diverse people.
	Speak clearly and report on a topic or tell a story with facts and details at an appropriate pace to support a main idea.

What Can Families Do to Support Students?

- Ask your child to retell a story in their own words or say what they learned from reading.
- Engage in activities that prompt discussions about the significance of information: read together and analyze main ideas, set goals, organize information, and play games that encourage ranking based on importance.
- Take trips to the library and get involved in library events.
- Write daily! Journal daily or find interesting magazine pictures and make up a story to go with it.
- Find new unfamiliar words in a book and discuss the meaning.
- Use technology to help build your student's interest in reading. There are several websites where students can read books or articles online or research topics that interest them.

Additional Resources for Families

- Visit [Seek Common Ground Family Guides](#)
- Visit SORA, our MUSD online digital library. Access through Student Portal in Office 365 or download for free from the Apple or Google Play Store.



- Use Exact Path, a free online learning tool with personalized instruction powered by MAP Assessment data in reading, language arts, and math. Learn more at [Exact Path - Manteca Unified School District \(mantecausd.net\)](http://Exact Path - Manteca Unified School District (mantecausd.net))

English Language Development

The English Language Development (ELD) section on the report card is only completed for students who are identified as English Language Learners (ELs). The ELD section includes statements from the California English Language Development Standards, which describe the key knowledge, skills, and abilities that students who are learning English as a new language need to access, engage with, and achieve grade-level academic content.

Fourth graders will:

Grade 4 Reported ELD Standards	
Exchange Information and Ideas	Use a growing number of general academic and domain-specific words, synonyms, and antonyms to create precision and shades of meaning while speaking and writing
Listening Actively	Demonstrate active listening of read-alouds and oral presentations by asking and answering detailed questions
Reading/Viewing Closely	Describe ideas, events (e.g., animal migration), and text elements (main idea, central message, and the like) in greater detail based on close reading of a variety of grade-level texts and use knowledge of morphology (e.g., affixes, roots, and base words), linguistic context, and reference materials to determine the meaning of unknown words on familiar topics
Oral Presentation	Plan and deliver longer oral presentations on a variety of topics and content areas (e.g., retelling a story, explaining a science process, reporting on a current event, recounting a memorable experience, and so on)
Writing (Understanding Text Structure)	Apply increasing understanding of how different text types are organized to express ideas (e.g., how a narrative is organized sequentially with predictable stages versus how an explanation is organized around ideas) to comprehending texts and writing texts
Writing (Understanding cohesion)	Apply growing understanding of language resources for referring the reader back or forward in text (e.g., how pronouns or synonyms refer back to nouns in text) to comprehending texts and writing texts and apply growing understanding of how ideas, events, or reasons are linked throughout a text using a variety of connecting words or phrases (e.g., since, next, for example) to comprehending texts and writing texts

What Can Families Do to Support Students?

- Take family outing, such as programs at public libraries and recreational centers, where they can interact with English-speaking children.
- Actively encourage friendships with English-speaking peers.
- Borrow books from the local public library.

Additional Resources for Families

- Click link to find ideas for [How parents can support English language learning](#)
- Visit MUSD’s English Language Development webpage: [English Language Development - Manteca Unified School District \(mantecausd.net\)](http://English Language Development - Manteca Unified School District (mantecausd.net))



Summative English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC)

In addition to reporting on ELD standards each trimester, all English language learners are required by the state of California to be assessed annually using the ELPAC to report progress on English Language acquisition. This test is called the English Language Proficiency Assessment for California (ELPAC). The Summative ELPAC is taken each spring.

What is the purpose of the Summative ELPAC?

- To assess English Language Development in English learners in Transitional Kindergarten through twelfth grade.
- To check their progress in learning English each year.

What does the Summative ELPAC cover?

The Summative ELPAC covers listening, speaking, reading, and writing for all grades tested. The Summative ELPAC is based on California English language development standards, adopted by the State Board of Education.

When do families receive the results?

For the spring administration of the Summative ELPAC, results are available in Q Parent Connect to families each Fall.

For students new to California, the Initial ELPAC is administered in the fall. It is the required state test for English Language Proficiency (ELP) that is given to students whose primary language is a language other than English. The purpose of the Initial ELPAC is to determine the English proficiency of students entering California schools for the first time. Identifying students who need help learning in English is important, so students get the support they need to do well in school while receiving instruction in all school subjects. The initial results are given to parents in the fall and these students will also be assessed in spring with the Summative ELPAC.

Additional Resources for Families

- More information can be found on the CA Department of Education ELPAC Resource page at cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ep



History/Social Studies

Students learn about California. They study the history of California and learn how California participates as a state in our nation.

Fourth graders will:

Grade 4 Reported History-Social Science Standards
Understand the relationship of the physical characteristics of California and the historical events leading up to today.
Explain how the present is connected to the past, identifying both similarities and differences over time.
Pose relevant questions about events they encounter from historical documents letters, diaries, artifacts, maps, and artwork, etc.
Summarize the key events of the era they are studying and explain the impact on the past and future.

What Can Families Do to Support Students?

- Explore your local region together. Many places offer free community events for families.
- Visit parks, historical sites, and local museums.
- Learn together about local heroes, landmarks and historical and cultural events.
- Look for opportunities in everyday places to use maps and charts.
- Talk to your child about elections so they can learn about government.
- Share your family's history. Ask a family or community member to tell their stories and share any letters, journals or photographs that connect to the community.

Additional Resources for Families

- For events and information about National Parks: [nps.gov](https://www.nps.gov)
- For events and information about the California State Parks: parks.ca.gov
- Visit the Manteca Historical Museum: themantecamuseum.org
- Visit the San Joaquin County Historical Museum: sanjoaquinhistory.org

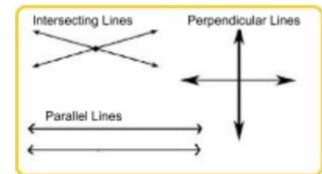
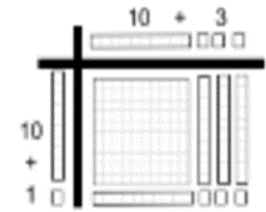


Mathematics

Being prepared for the 21st-century workforce requires being able to do more than simply compute or carry out procedures. Students need conceptual understanding and procedural fluency and must know how, why, and when to apply this knowledge to answer questions and solve problems. They need to be able to reason mathematically and communicate their reasoning effectively to others. Therefore, the way your student learns about math may look different from the way math has been taught previously. The Common Core State Standards provide a framework for broadening what it means to do and learn math.

Grade 4 math focuses most heavily on three critical content areas:

1. Developing understanding and fluency with multi-digit multiplication and developing understanding of dividing to find quotients involving multi-digit dividends.
 - a. Using the four operations with whole numbers to solve problems.
 - b. Using place value understanding and properties of operations to perform multi-digit arithmetic.
 - c. Gaining familiarity with factors and multiples.
2. Developing an understanding of fraction equivalence, addition and subtraction of fractions with like denominators, and multiplication of fractions by whole numbers.
 - a. Extending understanding of fraction equivalence and ordering.
 - b. Building fractions from unit fractions.
3. Understanding that geometric figures can be analyzed and classified based on their properties, such as having parallel sides, perpendicular sides, particular angle measures, and symmetry.
 - a. Drawing and identifying lines and angles and classifying shapes by properties of their lines and angles.



The following report card standards are aligned to the CA Grade 4 critical areas for math.

Fourth graders will:

Grade 4 Reported Mathematics Standards	
Operations & Algebraic Thinking	Solve multi-step word problems.
	Find factor pairs, multiples, and identify prime and composite whole numbers.
	Fluently add and subtract multi-digit whole numbers.
	Multiply up to 4 digits by 1 digit number. Multiply 2 two-digit numbers using place value, arrays, and area models.
	Divide up to four-digit dividends by one-digit divisors with remainders using a variety of strategies, including visual models including rectangular arrays and area models.
Number & Operations in Fractions	Add and subtract fractions with common denominators.
	Demonstrate that an equivalent fraction can be used when adding unlike denominators of 10 and 100.



	Demonstrate how to write decimals for fractions with denominators 10 or 100.
Measurement & Data	Solve real-world problem involving area and perimeter.
	Recognize angles as two rays with a common end point that are measured with reference to a circle.
Geometry	Draw points, lines, rays, line segments, angles, perpendicular, and parallel lines.
	Classify shapes and angles based on their characteristics.

What Can Families Do to Support Students?

- In MUSD, we use critical thinking questions in the classroom to help students connect learning across subjects. Practicing thinking strategies both at school and at home is important for helping your child develop problem-solving, decision-making, and learning skills. We encourage you to use some of these questions at home!
 - Draw on Background Knowledge: What does this remind you of? Have you seen a problem like this before? What do you already know about this problem?
 - Ask Questions: What do you need to find or solve for in this problem? What do you think this problem is asking?
 - Visualize: Can you draw a picture of what is happening? What tools can you use to help solve this problem? How could you represent this in another way? How does that image help you understand?
 - Monitor for Meaning: What part of the problem are you having trouble with? What did you learn from this problem that you can use in the future? What's confusing? What makes sense?
- Show that you have a growth mindset about math: Even if you struggle with math, you can show your student that you are excited to learn about what they are doing.
- Make math fun and engaging for your student. For example, notice with your student situations in day-to-day life that use equal groups and arrays.

Additional Resources for Families

- Common Core State Standards for mathematics: www.thecorestandards.org/Math
- Common Core State Standards for mathematics in Spanish: commoncore-espanol.sdcoe.net
- Parent guides by grade level in English and Spanish: [Parents/Padres / Homepage \(cgcs.org\)](http://Parents/Padres/Homepage(cgcs.org))
- Math Pathways [Parent Tool Kit](#): Track and support your child's progress | *NBC News/Education*
- Use Exact Path, a free online learning tool with personalized instruction powered by MAP Assessment data in reading, language arts, and math. Learn more at [Exact Path - Manteca Unified School District \(manteca.usd.net\)](http://Exact Path - Manteca Unified School District (manteca.usd.net))



Science

Manteca Unified students are taught science in the classroom following the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). The NGSS offers a greater focus on science and engineering practices: what real scientists and engineers do as a part of their work. The emphasis on practices, rather than solely on memorizing scientific facts, better prepares students for future opportunities within the fields of science and engineering and allows all students to become more scientifically literate citizens who can think critically about issues that matter, from healthcare to the environment.

Fourth graders will:

Grade 4 Reported NGSS SEP Standards
Ask and refine scientific questions with use of data and resources to solve real-world problems.
Use or develop scientific models to explore and test scientific principles or phenomenon.
Engage in conversational and/or written arguments based on evidence.
Carry out investigations conversationally and/or in writing to collect data that explains a phenomenon and tests a solution.

What Can Families Do to Support Students?

- Check with your student's teacher about volunteering for hands-on science in the classroom or science-related field trips.
- Get outside together, taking time to notice, appreciate, and wonder about surroundings.
- Engage in family-friendly science experiments at home.
- Ask open-ended questions: Take time to encourage thoughtful answers. *“Tell me about what you built, made, created.” “What do you think caused it to change?” “Can you think of a different way to do it?” “Can you describe what happened?”*

Additional Resources for Families

- More information regarding the Next Generation Science Standards: <https://www.nextgenscience.org/resources/ngss-parent-guides>
- At-home science experiments: [70 Easy Science Experiments Using Materials You Already Have \(weareteachers.com\)](http://weareteachers.com)



Physical Education

Physical Education is a content area in which your child will participate in a variety of activities focusing on motor skills, movement patterns, physical fitness, goal setting, healthy lifestyle choices, and positive social interactions. Physical Education is an instructional program, which differs from recess, free play, recreational sports, and athletics. PE Specialists and Classroom Teachers work in collaboration to provide high-quality instruction that supports students to become confident, active, and healthy lifelong movers.

Fourth graders will:

Grade 4 Physical Education Standards
Locomotor Skills: Run for increasing time or distance.
Manipulative Skills: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Throw a ball using an overhand movement pattern to a stationary and/or moving target. b. Dribble a ball either using hand or foot dribble in general space while changing speed and direction.
Exhibit personal responsibility and safe behaviors while engaging in physical activities with respect for self, others, and facilities.

What Can Families Do to Support Students?

- Schedule something active 3-5 times a week
 - Take a walk around your neighborhood
 - Play frisbee in the park
 - Ride bikes or walk with your child to school
 - Hike and explore local trails
- Focus on activities the whole family can do together, and keep the activities fun rather than competitive
- Join family-friendly fitness classes at a local gym or community center
- Lead an active lifestyle and encourage your child to join
- Practice locomotor skills at home, which are physical actions that allow a person to move from one location to another – movements such as walking, running, hopping, skipping and leaping for example.

Additional Resources for Families

- For ways to get active: letsmove.gov/get-active
- For family fitness activities: [20 Family Fitness Ideas Beyond the Gym | Performance Health](https://www.mantecausd.net/reportcards)



Visual & Performing Arts

Visual and performing arts are an essential part of learning in the 21st century. In TK-6 classrooms, arts education can be uniquely integrated with state standards. This integration allows teachers to deepen students' understanding in various subjects by incorporating dance, music, theatre, visual arts, and media arts into their lessons.

Fourth graders will:

Grade 4 Reported Visual & Performing Arts
Create and present a variety of art forms using content-specific vocabulary.
Relate artistic expression across all art forms.
Create criteria to evaluate a work of art.

What Can Families Do to Support Students?

- Encourage your child to sing, play music, dance, draw, paint, and play imaginary games with friends, siblings, or by themselves
- Take your child to art exhibits at school, in museums, online, and more
- Talk to your child about visual and performing arts they experience and give them plenty of time to think about: *What's going on in this picture? What's going on in this performance? What do you see that makes you say that? What more can we/you find?*
- Encourage your child to participate in performances and arts-related programs.
- Talk to your child's classroom teacher and share what their interests are at home.

Additional Resources for Families

- Ways to get artistic at home: [38 Visual Arts Activities For Elementary Students: Exploration Of Colors, Shapes, And Artistry - Teaching Expertise](#)
- Visit The Haggin Museum: [Haggin Museum – Go on an adventure](#)



Technology

Grade-level technology skills are integrated across subject areas. The skills identified for each grade level align with the state standards for Mathematics, English Language Arts, History/Social Studies, and Science as well as skills required to take online assessments such as the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium’s (SBAC) Compute Adaptive Assessments. Grade-level technology skills also include Digital Citizenship.

Fourth graders will:

Grade K-6 Reported Technology Standards
Digital Citizenship
Demonstrates grade-appropriate technology skills.

What Can Families Do to Support Students?

- Build a family media plan that balances time with and without devices.
- Create screen-free times and places in your home, such as meals and bedtime.
- Have regular discussions as a family about your online activities.
- Talk about social media and being safe online.

Additional Resources for Families

- [Kids & Tech: 12 Tips for Parents in the Digital Age - HealthyChildren.org](https://www.healthychildren.org/healthykids/parents/technology/12-tips-for-parents-in-the-digital-age)
- [45+ Technology Activities for Kids: Computer Science, Coding, and Tech Fun! - Our Family Code](#)



FAQ for Grading Students w/ Individualized Education Plans (IEPs)

1. Do teachers provide Progress Reports* on IEP Goals as well as a Standards-Based Report Card**?

Yes. A student's family should be notified of their student's progress on IEP goals. If a student with a disability is participating in the general education curriculum, the student must receive a report card that reflects their progress.

NOTE: *The student's IEP goals are not the basis for their grades on Report Cards.*

2. Who provides the grades on a student's Standards-Based Report Card?

The teacher of record is responsible for providing grades on the report card and may do so in consultation with a student's other teachers. The Special Education teacher is responsible for providing Progress Reports on IEP goals and may do so in consultation with a student's General Education teacher. Additionally, the Special Teacher provides Progress Reports on IEP goals to families at the same time as the report card (i.e. at the end of each trimester).

3. Should the teacher indicate on a report card that the student has a disability?

No. The nature of a student's disability should not be named or identified on a report card. Nor should the students' specialized instructional setting or services be described. In a report card, ONLY student performance on the curriculum should be noted.

4. Do accommodations affect grades (Proficiency Levels) on a Report Card?

No. Accommodations do NOT affect Report Card grades. An accommodation is a change to the teaching or testing procedures, student response, or other attributes to provide a student with access to information and to create an equal opportunity to demonstrate knowledge and skills. An accommodation does not fundamentally alter or lower the standard or expectation of the course, standard or test.

5. How does behavior, attendance, and task completion factor into a student's grade?

Standards based grading is based on mastery of standards. Therefore, behavior, attendance, and incomplete work should not be incorporated into a student's grade.

***Progress Reports** indicate progress on the IEP goals designed to designate necessary learning for a student to access and progress in the general education curriculum.

****Report Cards** provide measures of a student's progress in the general education curriculum and are provided to parents to indicate their child's progress or level of achievement in specific classes, course content, or curriculum.

Adapted from Riverside SELPA "Guidelines for Grading Students with Disabilities" p. 10-20

