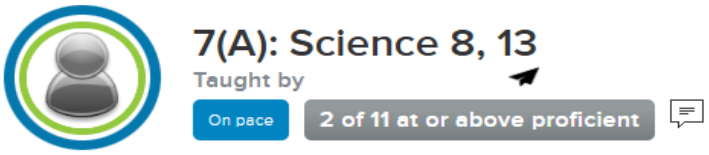
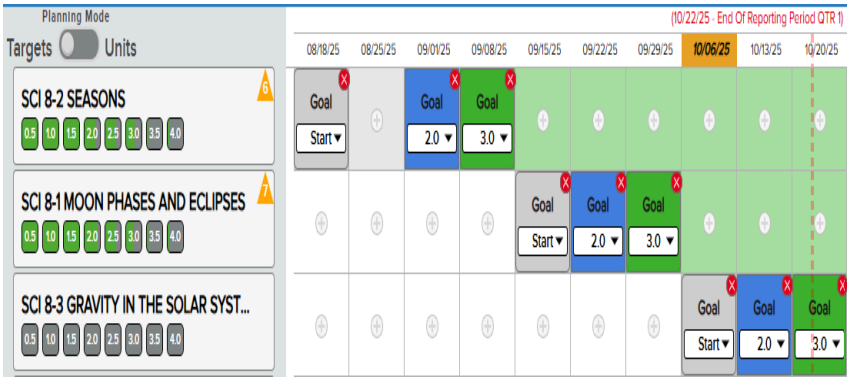
Empower Pacing – What Parents Need to Know

What does “On Pace” mean?



- “On Pace” means your child is **on track with the weekly goals their teacher has set**.
- It does **not** mean they already have to be at the top level (3.0).
- Example: If the teacher’s goal this week is a 2.0, and your child is at 2.0, they are on pace.

How does Empower track pacing?



- Teachers use a planning tool to set learning goals for the class.
- Students and parents can see these goals on the Empower homepage.
    - 🎖️ A **badge** shows when a goal is met.
    - ⚠️ A **warning symbol** shows when a goal is not met yet.

This gives families a clear picture of where a child stands at any time.

Important Things to Remember

1. **Pacing is about progress, not grades.**
   It measures if your child is moving forward with the plan, not whether they are already an expert.
2. **“Behind Pace” does NOT mean failing.**
    - It just means your child hasn’t met the weekly goal yet.
    - Grades change as the semester goes on, so there is always time to catch up.

Common Misunderstandings

- **Being behind pace doesn’t mean your child is failing.**
  It simply means they may need more time, evidence, and/or support to catch up with the instructional plan. Teachers provide targeted support when students are behind pace.

✅ **Bottom Line for Parents:**
A student can be doing well and still appear “behind pace.” Learning isn’t about being perfect right away — it’s about steady progress. Think of it like following a roadmap: as long as your child is reaching the teacher’s checkpoints along the way (first the 2.0 skills, then moving toward 3.0), they’re right on track!