ELWOOD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office of Curriculum & Instruction

2026–2027 · NEW ELEMENTARY REPORT CARD

A report card that shows *growth*, not just grades.

Elwood is introducing a new elementary report card — one clear, standards-based scale for every subject and grade, built on a growth mindset. Here's what's new, and what it means for your child.

THE BIG CHANGE

01
One scale for everything

The old report card used three different rating systems. Now every subject and grade uses the same four-step scale.

02
Standards-based

Ratings connect to specific grade-level learning targets, with clear, jargon-free language you can understand.

03
A growth mindset

The scale emphasizes progress and effort — it shows where a child is today and encourages the next step, without fixed labels.

THE FOUR-STEP SCALE

E **Exemplary**

Consistently masters learning targets

Demonstrates a deeper knowledge and understanding of grade-level learning targets and consistently masters application of concepts and skills taught.

C **Consistent**

Meets grade-level expectations

Demonstrates proficient knowledge and understanding of grade-level learning targets and consistently applies concepts and skills taught.

P **Progressing**

Developing toward expectations

Demonstrates some knowledge and understanding of grade-level learning targets and is developing consistent application of concepts and skills.

I **Improvement Needed**

Needs more practice & support

Does not yet demonstrate knowledge and understanding of grade-level learning targets. The student needs additional practice and support.

How to read it: A rating shows where your child is *right now* on the path to mastery — not a fixed label. Growth is the goal, and the next step is always in view.

WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE IN THE CLASSROOM

Skills build across grade levels. Here are four examples from the new K–5 continuum — the same idea growing from primary to intermediate, across humanities and STEM.

Reading

Retelling and understanding stories

PRIMARY · K–2

K — Retells stories or shares key details about a text — KINDERGARTEN

1 — Retells stories with key details — characters, setting, and central idea — GRADE 1

2 — Retells stories with key details, characters, setting, and major events — GRADE 2

Mathematics

Place value and multi-digit arithmetic

INTERMEDIATE · 3–5

3 — Uses place-value understanding to perform multi-digit arithmetic — GRADE 3

4 — Understands place value for multi-digit whole numbers — GRADE 4

5 — Understands place value up to millions and decimal thousandths — GRADE 5

Social Studies

Concepts, geography, and history

HUMANITIES · K–5

K–2 — Demonstrates understanding of concepts using content-specific vocabulary — PRIMARY

3 — Uses geography skills to understand the world — GRADE 3

4–5 — Retells, compares, and contrasts significant historical concepts — GRADES 4–5

Science

From concepts to investigations

STEM · K–5

K–2 — Demonstrates understanding of science concepts — PRIMARY

3 — Uses science materials properly during experiments — GRADE 3

5 — Plans and conducts investigations using accurate measurements and evidence — GRADES 4–5

What this means for your family

You'll see the same clear scale on every report card, with specific feedback tied to real learning targets — plus a written guide to help you interpret each rating. Report cards are available for secure online viewing through eSchool, with translations available.

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