

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The communication between home and school is key to your child's education and success. Bryan County Schools is proud to announce that we will utilize a standards-based reporting system for first grade students beginning in the 2021-2022 school year as a way of communicating your child's learning and progress throughout the year.

What are standards?

The Georgia Standards of Excellence (GSE) are WHAT we teach (our curriculum) and our textbooks and materials are what we use to teach. In recent years, there have been revisions to the GSE which have raised the academic expectations for what our students should know and what they can do with what they know. You can find additional information on the GSE at <https://www.georgiastandards.org/Standards>.

In addition, Bryan County Schools has made a significant investment in the development of curriculum units in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics in grades K-12. Bryan County Schools' teacher teams worked collaboratively throughout the 2018-2019 school year to develop these high-quality curriculum resources aligned to the GSE. Essential standards that will be used on the standards-based report card have been identified in the creation of the Bryan County Curriculum.

What is a standards-based report card?

Unlike traditional report cards, standards-based reporting measures students' knowledge of material by reporting the most recent, consistent level of performance on grade-level content standards. The standards-based report card is helpful in many ways. First, it clarifies and reinforces consistent, high expectations for all Bryan County Schools students and schools. Second, the report card helps teachers, students, and families focus on the standards throughout the school year. Finally, and most importantly, this reporting format provides specific feedback on meeting the standards so students, families, and teachers can work together to set meaningful goals for growth.

Preparing for the 2021-2022 School Year

Additional information concerning the standards-based report card will be shared soon. We are excited to implement this tool to help further guide instruction as we plan for your child's success in first grade. Thank you for partnering with us as we prepare for another wonderful year in Bryan County!