

Standards Based Report Cards

This year teachers will report how your child is progressing by recording assessments in a Standards Based Report Card. The items listed under each of the subject areas reflect the State Standards for that area. As teachers assess students, they will connect your child's progress to one or more of those standards. The goal of our new report cards is to give you a more detailed picture of your child's progress with an emphasis on what is learned, rather than what is taught.

What are Standards and the Benchmarks that go along with them? Standards are the "Big Ideas" that we will teach during the year. For each Standard or "Big Idea" there is a list of more specific topics that should be covered. These topics are called Benchmarks. All teachers in the district have worked to align what they teach to the State Standards. If you want to take some time and review the District's Standards and Benchmarks you can find them on the District's website under the Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment tab.

Subject areas that will be assessed this year are:

- English/Language Arts which includes reading, writing and spelling
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Studies
- Music
- Art
- Physical Education
- Health
- Social/Life Skills (Self-Regulation)
- Social/Life Skills (Working With Others)

All subject areas will receive a letter grade with the exception of the Social/Life Skills area. Your child's progress in the standards under each subject area will be indicated by an E, M, P or I. This is what each of these letters mean:

E – Exceeds/extends grade level expectations

M – Meets grade level expectations

P – Progressing toward grade level expectations

I – Inconsistent progress toward grade level expectations

There are a few things you should be aware of when looking online at your child's grade book or when you receive his/her report card. There may not be an E, M, P or I recorded for each of the standards. Not all standards are covered during each one of the grading periods. Also, you may not see as many grades as you have in the past. Teachers are working hard to develop assessments that truly reflect your child's progress so that you have an accurate picture of their ability level.

Attached you will find a blank copy of the report card with some specific information about each one of the sections as well as an informational brochure about Standards-Based Report Cards.

On Tuesday, October 6 there will be a PTO from 6:00 to 7:00 in the Campbellsport Elementary IMC. Following the meeting I will be available from 7:00 to 8:00 to answer any questions you might have. If you cannot attend the meeting, you can contact me at 533-8032.

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