

Section: **INSTRUCTION**
Policy Title: **Grading and Progress Reports**

The board believes that the cooperation of school and home is a vital ingredient in the growth and education of the student and recognizes the responsibility to keep parents informed of student welfare and progress in school.

The issuance of grades, written progress reports and parent conferences on a regular schedule serves as the basis for continuous evaluation of the student's performance and determining changes that should be made to effect improvement. These written and verbal reports shall be provided in a timely manner and are intended to provide information that will be helpful to the student, teacher, counselor and parent.

The district shall comply with the marking/grading system incorporated into the statewide standardized high school transcript. Secondary students grade points shall be reported for each term; individually and cumulatively.

The board directs the superintendent to establish a system of reporting student progress and shall require all staff members to comply with such a system as part of their teaching responsibility.

At the beginning of each term, each teacher shall specify in writing the student learning goals or standards for his/her respective courses. If participation is used as the basis of mastery of a goal or standard, a student's grades may be adversely affected provided on that day there was a graded participation activity. If the teacher does not so advise students in writing, the teacher may not use attendance and participation in the grading process.

A student's grade report may be withheld until such time the student pays for any school property that has been lost or willfully damaged. Upon payment for damages or the equivalency through voluntary work, the grade report will be released. The student or his/her parents may appeal the imposition of a charge for damages to the superintendent and board of directors.

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| Cross References: | Policy 3122 | Excused and Unexcused Absences |
| | Policy 3520 | Student Fines, Fees and Charges |
| Legal References: | RCW 28A.150.240(2g) | Basic Education Act of 1977 |
| | RCW 28A.635.060 | Defacing or injuring school property — Liability of parent or guardian |
| | RCW 28A.600.030 | Grading policies — Option to consider — Attendance |
| | WAC 392-400-235 | Discipline — Conditions and limitations |
| | WAC 180-44-010 | Responsibilities Related to instruction |
| | WAC 392-415 | WAC, Secondary Education — Standardized High School |
| | WAC 392-210 | Washington State Honors Award Program |

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