

Top 10 Tips

Understanding Your Student's Report Card in Elementary School

The purpose of the report card is one component of the larger communication plan between students, families, and the school. The purpose is to regularly communicate how a student is progressing and where the student is performing in relation to the expected standards they should meet at the end of each reporting period.

1. The report card is based on the Oregon State Standards that have been through a process of identifying the Essential Learning Standards. The Essential Learning Standards define what all students should know and be able to do in the subject area by the end of the semester and/or academic year.
2. The Estacada School District chose standards to report on that represent the knowledge and skills students must acquire for each reporting period.
3. Grades are based only on what students know or are able to do. Learning habits such as effort, work completion, participation, etc., will be graded separately from academic progress.
4. Academic Measures are as follows:

4	The student consistently demonstrates a deep understanding and application of the standard.
3	The student demonstrates a proficient understanding and application of the standard.
2	The student demonstrates a developing understanding and application of the standard.
1	The student demonstrates limited or no understanding of the standard and needs more support to develop concepts and skills.
M	No evidence- the standard has been taught and assessed, but there is little or no evidence to determine proficiency.

5. Grades will reflect a student's point in time learning. If it is a year long-standard but they have not been taught all the learning targets yet, their grade will reflect where they are at on the learning targets they have been taught. For example, if there is a year-long standard such as 'Read and Comprehend Grade Level Text' and midway through the year a student is on track to be proficient in this standard or already proficient in this year-long standard, they will be marked a 3.

6. Traits of a Successful Learner are important because developing good habits helps your student learn. The Traits are:

Work completion: I complete work on time.
Engagement: I actively participate in class activities, listen, and follow directions.
Social responsibility: I demonstrate kindness and respect.

7. Students will get marks for "Traits of a Successful Learner." These marks will be:

4.	The student demonstrates the behavior independently and consistently.
3	The student demonstrates the behavior frequently, with few reminders.
2	The student occasionally demonstrates the behavior and requires repeated reminders.
1.	The student rarely demonstrates the behavior without adult intervention and assistance.

8. With both Academic Measures and Traits of a Successful Learner a "3" or above is meeting proficiency. This is where we want all students to be by the end of the year.
9. The goal of the report card is to provide meaningful information that families can use to team with teachers to support their student's learning.
10. To see more real time and detailed information on your student's current progress before the report card there is a progress report sent out once a month. Another way to know what your student is learning and how they are doing is to go to our website, on our families page and check out the Information provided there and log into the PowerSchool Parent portal online at <https://powerschool.estacada.k12.or.us/public/> for details on how your student is doing in their learning.