



Minot Public Schools Standards Referenced Grading

Grading Indicator Definitions & Power School Parent Portal

Minot elementary schools use a **proficiency scale** to grade students, which focuses on showing how well a student is learning specific skills for their grade level. Instead of a single letter grade (A, B, C), this system uses numbers to show a student's progress throughout the year. The goal is to give parents a better idea of a child's strengths and where they may need extra help. Each level is explained further below.

4 = Advanced - Exceeds the standard

The student consistently demonstrates full knowledge and application of the standard while exceeding what is expected.

3 = Proficient - Meets the standard

The student demonstrates and applies full knowledge of the standard independently. This represents appropriate grade-level performance, and the goal is for students to reach this level.

2 = Partially Proficient - Progressing toward the standard

The student may have mastered some of the content, but not all. Working on foundational skills at a Level 2 will help the student succeed in putting the parts together to demonstrate the standard at Level 3.

1 = Emerging – Beginning learning of the standard

All new learning begins at Level 1. With help, the student demonstrates emerging foundational skills.

PowerSchool Parent Portal

Please click on this [link](#) to watch a 1-minute video showing how to quickly access Math and PE grades on PowerSchool Parent Portal. Please visit <https://bit.ly/mpssrg> for additional videos and information to assist you in understanding your student's grades.

We hope this information helps families better understand what student grades mean and what grades will look like in PowerSchool. If you have any other questions, please reach out to your child's teacher.