# Standards Based Grading



# A Parents Guide



## What is Standards Based Grading?

Educational standards are the learning goals for what students should know and be able to do at each grade level. **Standards Based Learning** is a system that focuses on standards in teaching and assessing a student's performance. It encourages a growth mindset and ongoing self-assessment. Standards Based Learning separates behavior from academic performance and measures students' levels of progress toward learning outcomes. By reporting on specific learning standards, students receive feedback about how they are progressing toward standards. They have ample opportunities to practice the skill/concept that is tied to the standard and it encourages a focus on understanding rather than completion of work.





#### **Standards Based**

- Learning is reported on each standard
- Performance-based
- Multiple opportunities given for learning
- Students and families have a deeper understanding of expectations

### **Traditional**

- Learning is reported by subject
- Based on averaging points
- Re-doing assignments is not always an option
- Class reports one grade using multiple objectives.

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# What are the Report Card Descriptors?

Advanced

Consistently demonstrates understanding of

complex skills and

concepts.

Proficient

Consistently demonstrates understanding of core skills and concepts.

**Z**Developing

Developing a basic understanding of core skills and concepts.

Beginning

VS.

Demonstrates some understanding of core skills and concepts.

**U** No Evidence

Does not demonstrate understanding of core concepts or is unable to apply knowledge or skills. N/A
Not Assessed

Not Assessed at this time.