

VALLEY ROAD SCHOOL

Grading/Grade Reporting Procedures

Marking Period/End of Year Grade Posting:

GRADES K-3

- Teachers of students in grades K through 3 will be utilizing Standards Based Grading beginning in the 2018/19 school year. Please see the District's website to review our new report cards, FAQs, and grade level benchmarks.
- Students will be assessed on a 4 point scale that communicates their level of proficiency of grade level standards. They are as follows:
 - 4: The Student independently and consistently exceeds marking period benchmark standards and shows evidence of higher-level thinking.
 - 3: **GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION** – The student consistently meets marking period benchmark standards.
 - 2: The student demonstrates progress toward meeting marking period benchmark standards.
 - 1: The student demonstrates limited progress toward meeting marking period benchmark standards.
 - X: Not assessed at this time
- In addition to assessing grade level standards, teachers will also assess student Behaviors that Support Learning. These are behaviors that are not related to specific content, but significantly impact students' ability to be successful in school.

GRADES 4-8:

- Students in grades 3 through 8 will be graded using numerics. The scale below, as listed in BOE policy, will be used to determine an alpha grade:
 - A = 91-100%
 - B = 81-90%
 - C = 71-80%
 - D = 65-70%
 - F = Below 65%
 - I = For any student that did not complete a significant amount of course assignments
- o Final grades will be determined at the end of the year by averaging the four marking period grades.

Assignment Posting/Grading:

- Each subject that receives a marking period grade should have assignments and grades entered in Genesis throughout each marking period. For example, Kindergarten should be entering grades for Math and Language Arts. Grades 1 through 5 should be entering grades for Math, ELA, Science, and SS. *Art, PE, STEM, Spanish, and Music should also be posting graded assignments.*
- It should be expected that about one graded assignment (or more) will be entered into Genesis every other week.
- Any assignment that is considered for a final marking period grade should be posted on Genesis. If a grade for an assignment is not posted on Genesis, it should not be considered for the final grade.
- Genesis gradebooks should be updated at least weekly, however, teachers will often need multiple days to grade and post an assignment. For example, if an assignment is due on a Monday, it is possible that it won't be posted in Genesis until Friday of that week.

MISC:

- Parents **MUST** be contacted any time a student is in danger of earning a "D" or lower for a marking period or final grade. However, this does not limit the parents' ability to proactively contact a teacher if there are concerns about their child's grades and/or progress.
- There will be no "formal" progress report generated for parents. It is expected that the Genesis gradebook will be kept up-to-date, which will allow parents to check their child's progress at any time throughout the school year.