
TEACHER GUIDE TO THE DUAL PURPOSE REPORT CARD

Commonly Asked Teacher Questions

This report card is aligned to the Arizona State Academic Standards and has been designed to provide parents information in a clear format. Its purpose is to inform parents of student progress on the standards as well as all of the aspects that go into earning a grade. Parents or teachers often have common questions that are answered below.

1. What is the difference between an achievement grade and a standard assessment score?

An achievement grade reflects combined progress of standards and study skills (effort). A standard assessment score reflects progress made towards meeting each individual standard as listed on the report card.

2. What subject areas are required to give achievement “letter” grade marks?

The following subject areas are required to give achievement letter grades:

- a) Reading/Literature
- b) Writing
- c) Mathematics
- d) Science/Health
- e) Social Studies

3. What is the “Grading Key” used in the Kindergarten?

- E** = Excellent
- S** = Successful
- P** = Progressing
- N** = Needs Support/Assistance

4. What subject areas are required to give “standard” grade marks?

The following areas will receive a standards mastery grade:

READING/LITERATURE

- a) Print Concepts
- b) Phonemic awareness
(identifies/manipulates sounds)
- c) Phonics
- d) Vocabulary
- e) Comprehension strategies
- f) Comprehending literary text
- g) Comprehending information text

WRITING

- a) Writing Process
- b) Writing Elements
- c) Writing Applications

MATHEMATICS

- a) Number Sense and Operations
- b) Data Analysis
- c) Patterns
- d) Geometry and Measurement
- e) Mathematical Structure/Logic

SCIENCE/HEALTH

Demonstrates knowledge of scientific process and participates in discussions and investigations

SOCIAL STUDIES

Demonstrates knowledge and participates in social discussions and activities

5. How are the standards assessed on the report card?

The teachers will use the following symbols for reporting progress on the standards:

3	= Meets	75% - 100%
2	= Approaches	60% - 74%
1	= Falls Below	0% - 59%
	= Not assessed	

6. Does every Standard assessment score need to be measured each quarter?

No, however each standard must be assessed at least once by the end of the 4th (fourth) quarter.

7. How are teachers to collect data for the standard assessment score?

Any assessment may be used, however a student must consistently score between 75% to 100% to receive a score of “3” for each standard listed, a student must consistently score between 60% to 74% to receive a score of “2” for each standard listed, and a student must consistently score between 0% to 59% to receive a score of “1” for each standard listed. No numerical score will be issued if the standard was not assessed.

8. How are Special Area subjects to be graded?

These are predominantly effort grades.

9. What kinds of questions are answered for parents on their guide?

- a. *Why Is It Important To Know About Progress On The Arizona Academic Standards?* Providing parents ongoing information about student progress on these standards is one way our school district tries to ensure that all of our students are successful when they take the AIMS.
- b. *Why Are The Standards Graded Or Measured On The Report Card?* Thousands of districts nationwide are aligning instruction, assessment and reporting to provide more information on meeting academic standards.
- c. *How Are The Standards Graded Or Measured On The Report Card?* Standards for academic proficiency are established for each grade level. We want all students to strive for excellence.
- d. *What Does It Mean When A Box Has Not Been Filled In A Quarter?* While “letter” grades are given every quarter, it takes more than one quarter to present all objectives of each standard.
- e. *What Else Is On This Report Card?* Information is given about student conduct and attendance each grading period.
- f. *What If I Still Have Questions?* If you have any additional questions about your child's progress, how it is measured, or how you should interpret the report card, consult your child's teacher.