

STANDARDS BASED REPORT CARDS

Frequently Asked Questions

Traditional Report Cards versus Standards Based Report Cards

Question: How are the report cards different?

Answer: With the traditional report cards, grades (such as A, B, C) are given for each subject area: Reading, Language Arts, and Math. The Standards Based Report Cards will have the standards listed under each subject area. Each standard is scored under the subject areas.

Question: How do the grades on the Standards Based Report Card reflect the state core curriculum for Georgia?

Answer: The grades for each standard reflect the student's progress toward the mastery of the standard. The students' scores are determined by teacher observation, performance tasks, and tests that measure progress toward mastery of each standard. The grades will focus on end of the year goals for each grade level.

Question: What is the advantage to this type of grading?

Answer: Grades are based on the level of achievement the student has reached at the end of the teaching cycle for each standard. Practice on each standard is not included in this grade.

Parents can see which standards their children have mastered in each subject area and which standards need more work on in each subject area.

Standards Based report cards creates more consistent curriculum between teachers on the same grade level.

Question: What grades will I see on the Standards Based Report Card?

Answer: Students will receive a 1,2,3,4 for each standard.

- 1: little or no progress toward meeting the year end grade level expectations.
- 2: shows progress toward meeting year end grade level expectations.
- 3: meets year end grade level expectations
- 4: student work is produced independently and consistently exceeds year end grade level expectations

Question: When will my child receive a Standards Based Report Card?

Answer: Standards Based Roll-Out Schedule At Martin Elementary School:

School Year 2009-2010: 1st and 2nd grade students will be assessed with the Standards Based Report Card beginning with the 3rd 6 weeks

School Year 2010-2011: 1st and 2nd grade teachers will continue to assess with the Standards Based Report Card; 3rd grade students will also be assessed with the Standards Based Report Card beginning with the 1st 6 weeks of school