

What is Standards-Based Grading?

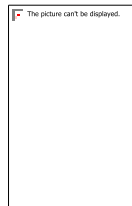
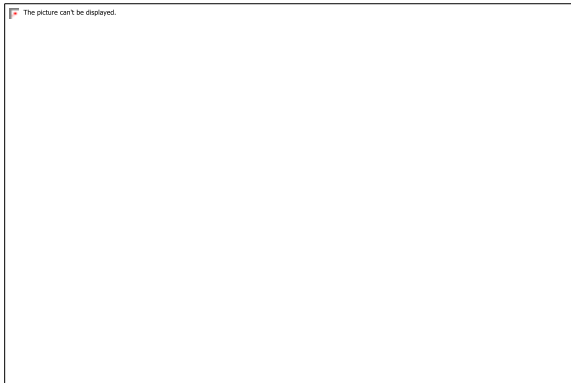
- Clearly defined learning targets.
- Specified levels of achievement (Exceeding, Meeting, Approaching, Beginning).
- Feedback that separates student achievement from work habits and behaviors.

Would you like more information on Standards-Based Grading?

- For questions about a classroom practice, contact the classroom teacher.
- For questions about a building practice, contact the building principal.
- For general information or background knowledge, check out the resources on our website (coming soon).

Why Standards-Based Grading?

Our purpose for implementing SBG is to communicate the most accurate student achievement data to students and families.



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Benefits of Standards - Based Grading for Families

- Families can see exactly what their student understands and is able to do.
- Families can monitor their student's progress towards mastery of specific learning standards.
- Families know in what areas their student needs more support and where their student is being pushed to higher levels.
- Report cards provide families and students with more information about performance and progress.
- Specific feedback on progress helps families build students' self-esteem, pride and motivation.



Benefits of Standards-Based Grading for Students

- Students become partners in their learning as they monitor their own progress toward the achievement of essential skills.
- Learning goals and objectives are clearly defined.
- All assessments are clearly aligned to the learning goals and objectives.
- Students learn at different rates and will have multiple opportunities to demonstrate their progress toward mastery of a standard.
- Every student has a firm foundation for future learning with a focus on growth over time.
- Graduates are better prepared for college and business with problem-solving and career skills.
- Students who excel in particular area can be challenged to exceed standards.

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Benefits of Standards - Based Grading for Teachers

- Education becomes more learner-focused, so the teacher and student work closely together.
- Teachers of the same courses have the same expectations and standards.
- Collaboration encourages consistency towards common goals between teachers.
- Teachers know exactly where students stand in their progress toward learning targets and what supports need to be provided.
- Assessment results help teachers determine when students need extra help and when they need more challenging work.



- EX** – Exceeding Standards/Expectations
- ME** = Meeting Standards/Expectations
- AP** = Approaching Standards/Expectations
- BE** = Beginning Level of Understanding

