

Dear families,

During this time of remote learning, not only does teaching and learning look different, but the ways in which we are reporting semester grades is slightly different as well (semester ends on 2/2/21).

Ultimately, the goal is to keep our students and a strong home-school connection at the center of what we do. We understand you want to know what your student learned this semester and what progress they are making. Our teachers are working very thoughtfully to ensure you have the most accurate and complete understanding of your child's progress that they can provide.

**Important Notification: Switch to Online Report Cards for First Semester;
Can Opt-In to Receive Paper Copy**

In a typical school year, we would be sending first semester report cards home with students. This year, they will be delivered to your online Skyward account only. If you would like to receive a printed copy of your child's report card in addition to the digital copy, please log into Skyward and select the "Paper Report Card" option in "Student/Family Information Update" section. **You may also notify the office staff at your child's school to select that option for your family.**

Report Card Grades or Marks:

A note about marks:

- IE, Insufficient Evidence (IE) in the past, this may have meant the student was present but was not producing work while at school. In this remote learning situation, the IE could mean the teacher has just begun the unit or content was covered but the teacher is still assessing or gathering data. Expect specific comments as to why the teacher doesn't have evidence at this time and when to expect information regarding that content/skill.
- NF, Not a Focus, means the standard that was not taught for this semester (for example, in 3rd grade fractions is taught in second semester= NF for this semester).
- Standard-based grades (1-4): standards-based grading is about a student's understanding of the standard and growth over time, not about the number of assignments completed or the percent they got correct on a task. It is expected that most students will be 2-approaching or 3-meeting grade levels standards at this time of year.
- Effort: If students are showing any effort to participate in remote learning, however they can, it should be noted as effort.
 - Missing assignments in Canvas and Seesaw should not be counted against students' effort marks if they are showing effort in other ways.
 - We recognize effort can be shown many different ways, and while we love it when we can see children's faces over Zoom, they won't be penalized for having their camera off.

We know families are navigating multiple stresses during this time and this report card is intended to update you on your child's education. It is not a report on your support at home. We trust you are doing the very best you can at this time and we appreciate your partnership.