



# 2022- 2023 Grading and Course Marks

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What families can expect from report cards and the second round of parent teacher conferences

# Our Current Course Mark

- 4= Excels in Grade Level Standards
- 3= Meets Grade Level Standards
- 2= Approaching Grade Level Standards
- 1= Below Grade Level Standards



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# **Goal of Report Cards**

Report Cards are shared with families to communicate which grade level skills and content your child has mastered and what they are working on mastering

# What are Grade Level Skills?



## NYS Content Standards

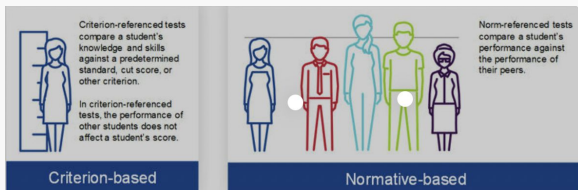
- [NYS Next Generation Standards \(introduced 2017, fully implement by 2022-2023\)](#)
- Cover all content areas, ELA, Math, Speaking and Listening



## NYS Practice Standards

- The habits of each subject area that allow students to access the content
- Broken down by grade on the school website

# What is Mastery Learning?



## What is it not

- Norm referenced vs. criterion referenced
- Not a bell curve. Not competitive between students.



## What is it based on

- Does not rely on one or two assessment for a final grade
- Students are given many opportunities to show that they understand the big ideas that have been taught to them
- Teachers use many sources of evidence to get a holistic picture of what your child is independently **able to do**.



## Why Mastery Based Grading is more effective

- Better determines college and career readiness
- Implements growth mindset
- Improves equity and supports teachers in evidence based grading
- More effectively identifies areas of strengths and areas of need of individual students

# Frequently Asked Questions

## The Impact

How are my child's report card grades used? Who else will see them?



## The Numbers

What does excels in standards mean? How will I know if my student is going to get a 4?



## Feedback

Will I hear from my child's teacher before report cards are sent home?



## Core Subjects

Why don't we get checklists for Social Studies?



# How is this different from pre-pandemic course marks?

## Same Numbers

We have returned to using a 1, 2, 3, 4 system of course marks

## Data

Prior to the pandemic students were assessed only on certain data points that were included in their assessment folder.

## New Process


Mastery based grading does not involve averaging or rate students on participation.

## More Equity

Students are given many opportunities to demonstrate their understanding and all of these moments are taken into consideration when teachers determine a course mark.

## Growth Mindset

Students are not punished for what they did not know at the start of the unit and instead are rewarded for what they have accomplished by the end of the unit.



***“We can use grading to help students become the leaders of their own learning and lift the veil on how to succeed.”***

**—ZARETTA HAMMOND**



# Resources

## To learn more

- [Grading for Equity](#)
- [A Parent's Guide to the New York State Next Generation ELA & Math Learning Standards](#)
- [Edutopia](#)
- [Dylan Wiliam Center](#)
- [NCTM](#)
- [Antiracist Education](#)
- [Our Grading Policy](#)
- [Our Course Marks One Pager](#)