



Dear Families,

The elementary schools in the Snoqualmie Valley School District use a standards-based reporting system. The term standards-based refers to instruction, assessment, grading, and academic reporting based on students demonstrating understanding or mastery of the Washington State Standards.

As we inform instructional practice and accurately articulate student progress towards grade level standards, you will notice adjustments to graded work and assessments, including end-of-trimester report cards.

The update in the report card effectively reflects your child's progress towards demonstrating understanding of grade level standards by the end of the academic year. As referenced in the chart below, the first and second trimesters will reflect progress toward end-of-year standards. Third trimester, your child will earn a standards-based grade reflecting the level of mastery of end-of-year standards.

Academic Quality Descriptors		
Trimester 1	Trimester 2	Trimester 3
OT - On Track Student is on track to meet expectations for grade level standard by the end of the year.	OT - On Track Student is on track to meet expectations for grade level standard by the end of the year.	4 - Exceeding Standard Student exceeds expectations for grade level standard.
		3 - Meeting Standard Student meets expectations for grade level standard.
PT - Progressing Towards Student requires extra time, instruction, assistance, and/or practice to meet expectations for grade level standard by the end of the year.	PT - Progressing Towards Student requires extra time, instruction, assistance, and/or practice to meet expectations for grade level standard by the end of the year.	2 - Working Towards Standard Student meets some expectations for grade level standard.
AR - At Risk Student is at risk of finishing the year below grade level standard. Requires an extended amount of time, instruction, assistance, and practice.	AR - At Risk Student is at risk of finishing the year below grade level standard. Requires an extended amount of time, instruction, assistance, and practice.	1 - Below Standard Student is not yet meeting expectations for grade level standard.

We are excited about this improvement to our communication of your child's progress, as well as our consistency in grading across the district. Should you have any questions regarding this shift, please contact Dan Schlotfeldt, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning, at schlotfeldtd@svsd410.org.

Sincerely,

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