PARENT FAQ’S

STANDARDS BASED GRADING

What are the advantages of Standards Based Grading?

- Allows students, teachers, and parents/guardians to track each student's progress per standard.
- More accurately represents student's knowledge and skills of a specific standard.
- Provides multiple opportunities for students to show what they know.
- Increases consistency in grading policies and criteria across teachers and schools.
- Ensures that every child has a chance to meet the standard, knowing that it may take longer for some students.
- Provides accurate and specific information to all partners in student learning.

What are the main differences from traditional grading?

- Standard Based Grading (SBG) focus on a student's progress toward meeting grade-level standards rather than a simple accumulation of points.
- SBG uses a number scale (3, 2, 1) rather than a percentage/average.
- Non-academic behaviors are reported separately.
- Grades are determined by each student's ability to meet the priority standards, not on how he/she compares to other students in the class. All students are given a chance to master standards.

Why does SBG use most recent assessment scores in determining course grades?

- By only reporting the most recent score, students are not being penalized for mistakes made during the learning process. Averaging all scores throughout the semester does not accurately reflect a student's current understanding of a standard.