

September 11, 2020

Sumner County Schools Families,

In an effort to provide clarity and some updates on our grading practices with student's progress reports being available on Monday, September 14th, we wanted to share some pertinent information with you.

Parents and families are a vital part of our educational community and the support of our students in their academic efforts. The purpose of the upcoming progress reports is to share academic feedback with you and your student with a snapshot of their progress recorded this quarter. As it is typical during the beginning of the school year, there may be fewer grades recorded and reported. Over the last six weeks, the combination of hybrid scheduling and schools adjusting to the new safety protocols has limited the number of grades you will see on this progress report.

**Kindergarten-Third grade students** will still be given academic reports (progress reports and quarterly report cards) using the Standards-Based Report Card format. Student progress will be reported by using a scale score of **3** (On Track / Mastered); **2** (Approaching) and **1** (Below Grade Level).

**Fourth and fifth grade students** will be using a traditional report card with scale scores of **0%-100%** and corresponding letter grades of **A, B, C, D, & F**. For a further explanation of the two types of report cards, please watch this short [video explanation](#).

**Sixth grade students** will also receive a traditional report card for the first with scale scores of **0%-100%** and corresponding letter grades of **A, B, C, D, & F**. *Your student's teachers are working to explain the differences in grading from standards based to the traditional. We understand that students will need some time to understand and adjust to the new grading system.*

**Sixth through twelfth grade students** will remain using a traditional report card with scale scores and corresponding letter grades as noted above.

With the Skyward Family Access web portal, you can review your child's progress with just a "point and click" from your home or office. Also, with the Skyward App on mobile devices, you have instant access once the app is downloaded to review these same elements at any time. For Skyward access, support and directions, click [here](#).

For the 2020-21 school year, Sumner County Schools will post grades on Skyward for parent visibility for progress reports and report cards. If you should need a hard copy of your student's report card, please contact the school to make this request.

We believe our students are capable of achieving great things. Thank you for partnering with us to ensure that all of our students continue to learn and grow. If you have further questions, please contact your student's teacher or school.

Sincerely,

