

Report Cards, Attendance & Tardy Communication

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Good morning,

Today you will be able to view your child's 2nd Trimester Report Card through the Home Access Center (HAC). Please contact the office if you have any difficulty logging in to your account.

Report cards are a communication tool. They provide parents with a snapshot about student learning and progress at this time of the year. Some learning standards (the learning targets students are expected to learn and be assessed on) change each trimester and some learning standards stay the same across multiple trimesters. Therefore, how well a student has met the learning standard may vary by trimester. Some learning standards may demonstrate more of progression over time. We often get questions such as "in the 1st trimester my child was meeting the learning target but second trimester, he/she is progressing. What happened?"

Beginning (Bgn) - Student has not yet demonstrated an understanding of concepts, skills and processes and **requires consistent support**

Progressing (Prg) - Student sometimes demonstrates an understanding of concepts, skills and processes and **requires some support**

Meeting (Mtg) - Student is **proficient** at demonstrating an understanding of concepts, skills and processes as stated in the standards/curriculum

Exceeding (Exc) - Student demonstrates an **in-depth understanding** of concepts, skills and processes and exceeds the required level of performance

NA- Not assessed at this time.

To illustrate this point, consider the example of the goal of saving money. The long-term and recurring target is to increase your savings over time. The sub goals of saving money may vary in different stages of the goal. You may set for the first period of time a goal for reducing spending (1st trimester) and at the end of that time period you assess how well you did at reducing your spending to save money. The second trimester you may decide to switch methods and increase the % of income you deposit into savings. At the end of the 2nd trimester you assess how well you did to meet that goal. The third trimester you decide to take on a new job to earn more money and dedicate the extra income to savings. At the end of the 3rd trimester you assess how well you met that goal. The goal of saving money still is a core goal and progress can be shown over time. However, the sub goals may have resulted in varied levels of success. Spending less money may have been more successful (**Meeting** the goal) than earning more money (**Progressing**). Therefore the degree to which you met that goal may change with each sub goal/standard.

The goal for each student is to **MEET** their grade-level learning standards! The learning standards are rigorous and challenging for most students.

As always, please contact your child's teacher with any questions you have about your child's report card.

Attendance, Absences & Tardys- Wasco Elementary School and D303 believe that regular and punctual attendance at school results in greater academic and social and emotional success. Students who frequently miss or are late for school also miss core instruction, learning experiences and interventions that may not be replicated in homework or made up after they return. Emotions such as confusion, fear and anxiety are

compounded for students who often miss school and/or who arrive at school after the instructional day has begun. This can result in a cycle of absenteeism.

On your child's report card you will note their current attendance and rate of absence/tardiness. We review all students' attendance at the end of each trimester. The majority of Wasco students are typically absent/tardy less than 5% of the total number of days in school. (116 days total Trimester 1 & 2 combined; 5%=6 days). We recognize that some years students may have a higher rate of absences than others due to illness or injury. Our goal is to establish open lines of communication to ensure each student is receiving the support he/she needs to be successful in school. If at any time you wish to discuss your child's attendance status, please do not hesitate to call or schedule an appointment. We are here to help!

Have a wonderful day!