

Instruction
GRADING AND PROGRESS REPORTS

The board believes that the cooperation of school and home is a vital ingredient in the growth and education of the student and recognizes the responsibility to keep parents informed of student welfare and progress in school.

The issuance of grades, written progress reports and parent conferences on a regular schedule serves as the basis for continuous evaluation of the student's performance and determining changes that should be made to effect improvement. These written and verbal reports shall be designed to provide information that will be helpful to the student, teacher, counselor and parent.

The district shall comply with the marking/grading system incorporated into the statewide standardized high school transcript. Secondary students grade points shall be reported for each term; individually and cumulatively.

The board directs the superintendent to establish a system of reporting student progress and shall require all staff members to comply with such a system as part of their teaching responsibility.

At the beginning of each term, each teacher shall specify in writing the student learning goals or standards for his/her respective courses. If participation is used as the basis of mastery of an goal or standard, a student's grades may be adversely affected provided on that day there was a graded participation activity. If the teacher does not so advise students in writing, the teacher may not use attendance and participation in the grading process. Individual students who feel that an unjust application of attendance or tardiness factors has been made, may follow the appeal process for resolving the differences.

A student's grade report may be withheld until such time the student pays for any school property that has been lost or willfully damaged. Upon payment for damages or the equivalency through voluntary work, the grade report will be released. The student or his/her parents may appeal the imposition of a charge for damages to the superintendent and board of directors.

Cross References:

(cf. 3122 Excused and Unexcused Absences)
(cf. 3520 Student Fines, Fees and Charges)

Legal References:

RCW 28A.150.240(2g) Basic Education Act of 1977--Certificated teaching and administrative staff as accountable for classroom teaching--Scope--Responsibilities--Penalty
RCW 28A.635.060 Defacing or injuring school property--Liability of parent or guardian
RCW 28A.600.030 Grading policies--Option to consider--Attendance
WAC 180-40-235 Discipline--Conditions & limitations
WAC 180-44-010 Responsibilities Related to instruction
WAC 180-57 Secondary Education--Standardized High School Transcript
WAC 392-210 Washington State Honors Award Program

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