



**Wichita Public Schools (WPS) is improving our grading practices.**

We want to communicate what students know and are able to do based on learning goals that we call standards.

Through Standards-Referenced grading, academic learning is the focus of what is recorded and communicated on student progress reports.

### TIMELINE FOR LAUNCH:

**AUGUST 2019 • KINDERGARTEN-5TH**

**AUGUST 2020 • PRE-K & 6TH-8TH**

**AUGUST 2021 • 9TH-12TH GRADE**

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AND QUESTIONS**

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## WPS STANDARDS-REFERENCED GRADING

Grading practices will focus on students' demonstration of their mastery of academic standards. This will help us better understand what students truly know and can do.

Factors not based on academic learning such as extra credit, bonus points, student behavior, work ethic, and homework performance will no longer be combined with academic learning to help determine grades.

Student behavior, work ethic, and homework performance will be communicated with families through progress reports.

Progress reports that communicate students' mastery of their learning standards will be issued at the end of every quarter.

### GRADING SCALE

Wichita Public Schools will use a 0 to 4 point grading scale to communicate what students know and are able to do.

4

**ADVANCED**

Student demonstrates knowledge which exceeds grade-level standards

3

**PROFICIENT**

Student demonstrates mastery on grade-level standards. **This is the target/goal for student success and should be celebrated.**

2

**DEVELOPING**

Student demonstrates basic understanding and is partially proficient at meeting grade-level standards.

1

**EMERGING**

With help, student demonstrates some understanding of foundational skills and grade-level standards.

0

**FAILING**

Even with help, student is not successful or no evidence is shown.