

Dear Parents:

All schools in Battle River School Division are making changes to the way we are reporting on student learning.

These changes were decided through a two-year process that included parent feedback on a BRSD survey, work by a committee of teachers and a review of draft report card templates by both teachers and school councils, who provided feedback that helped shape the final report card document.

Here's a summary of report card changes you will notice during the 2017/2018 school year:

- K to 6 report cards will include Key Learning Outcomes for each subject area.
- For Kindergarten students, achievement will be reported using the following levels:

Grade K Achievement Level	What the Level Tells You About the Child's Academic Achievement
Well Established	Child is consistently demonstrating the skills, understanding the concepts and is able to apply this knowledge to new situations
Meeting Expectations	Child is working toward mastery of skills and concepts and has a well-developed understanding of Kindergarten outcomes
Developing	Skills Emerging – child requires teacher guidance and reinforcement to perform skills or understand concepts
Not Yet Demonstrating	Child has difficulty performing the skills or understanding the concepts, with teacher assistance and guidance

- For Grade 1-3 students, achievement will be reported using the following levels:

Grade 1-3 Achievement Level	What the Level Tells You About the Child's Academic Achievement
Proficient	Good understanding and application of concepts and skills
Achieving	Basic understanding and application of concepts and skills
Developing	Limited understanding and application of concepts and skills; see also teacher comments
Not Meeting	Does not yet demonstrate the required understanding and application of concepts and skills; see also teacher comments

- For Grade 4-6 students, achievement will be reported using the following levels

Grade 4-6 Achievement Level	What the Level Tells You About the Child's Academic Achievement
Exemplary	Very good to excellent understanding and application of concepts and skills
Proficient	Good understanding and application of concepts and skills
Achieving	Basic understanding and application of concepts and skills
Developing	Limited understanding and application of concepts and skills; see also teacher comments
Not Meeting	Does not yet demonstrate the required understanding and application of concepts and skills; see also teacher comments

- For Grade 7-12 students, achievement will be reported using **percentages**. **Note:** the percentage categories match the Achievement Level categories used in Grade 4 to 6.

Grade 7-12 Achievement Level	What the Level Tells You About the Child's Academic Achievement
80 to 100%	Very good to excellent understanding and application of concepts and skills
70 to 79%	Good understanding and application of concepts and skills
60 to 69%	Basic understanding and application of concepts and skills
50 to 59%	Limited understanding and application of concepts and skills; see also teacher comments
Less than 50%	Does not yet demonstrate the required understanding and application of concepts and skills; see also teacher comments

- The *Characteristics of Successful Learners* on report cards for each student will be replaced by information on *Learning Behaviours*. The categories reported on will be as follows:

Learning Behaviours	
Participation	The student participates actively in his/her learning, by contributing to class discussions/activities, reflecting on his/her learning, using and providing feedback for improvement.
Work Ethic	The student is self-directed, takes responsibility for his/her own behaviour, manages time to complete work; takes care of and organizes material effectively
Social Responsibility	The student displays social skills that contribute to making the learning environment and interactions positive, caring and safe.
<p>Student progress in these areas will be reported using the levels: C: Consistently U: Usually S: Sometimes R: Rarely</p>	

- Teachers will be updating their markbooks by 1st and 15th of each month for viewing in the online Maplewood ConnectEd Parent Portal

Please contact the school if you would like additional information about assessment and reporting practices.

We look forward to continuing to work with you to realize Battle River School Division's vision of "Every Student, Everyday, A Success".