

## GRADING AND PROGRESS REPORTS

The district 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, and written or electronic 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 will 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 will be reported for each term; individually and cumulatively.

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

At the beginning of each term, each teacher will specify in writing the student learning goals or standards for his/her respective courses. If participation is used as the basis of mastery of a goal or standard, a student's grades may be adversely affected for failure to attend or participate, 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:	District Policy 3122	Excused and Unexcused Absences
	District Policy 3520	Student Fines, Fees and Charges
Legal References:	RCW 28A.150.240(2g)	Basic Education Act — Certificated teaching & administrative staff as accountable for classroom teaching — Scope — Responsibilities — Penalty
	RCW 28A.635.060	Defacing or injuring school property — Liability of parent or guardian Withholding grades, diploma, or transcripts- Suspension and restitution-Voluntary work program as alternative-Rights protected
	RCW 28A.600.030	Grading policies — Option to consider — Attendance
	WAC 392-400-235	Discipline — Conditions and limitations
	WAC 180-44-010	Responsibilities Related to instruction
	WAC 392-415	Secondary Education — Standardized High School Transcript
	WAC 392-210	Student teaching and evaluation - Washington State Honors Award Program

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