COMMON CORE-ALIGNED
K-6 REPORT CARD

PARENT GUIDE 2015-2016
INTRODUCTION

Communication between parents and teachers by means of a report card is essential. SCUSD values the ongoing partnership between home and school to support the development of the whole child and has re-designed its K-6 report card to foster clearer communication to families.

CHANGES TO THE K-6 REPORT CARD

The SCUSD K-6 report card has been revised to align to the California Common Core State Standards (CA CCSS) for mathematics and English Language Arts that were implemented state-wide in 2014-15. Parents will notice the following on the new report card:

- A 4-point grading scale indicating the four levels of standards achievement
- An alpha scale of O (outstanding), S (satisfactory), or N (needs improvement) that indicates progress in behaviors that support learning which reflect the social emotional learning and work habit skills that are critical to academic success
- New categories for math and English Language Arts aligned to the CA CCSS

A STANDARDS-BASED REPORT CARD

Similar to the previous report card, the new report card is a standards-based report card. This type of report card lists the most important standards students should learn in each subject at their particular grade level. Instead of traditional letter grades, students receive a mark of 1-4 that indicates how well they have mastered the required standards. The marks will show their level of achievement with the standards. Students will get separate marks for effort and work habits. Standards-based grading focuses on the student’s achievement rather than how quickly they learned or how many times it took them to master the standards. SCUSD’s standards based report card reflects the students:

- Current proficiency level on the standards taught during the trimester
- Work in relation to the standards which apply to all students at the grade level
- Demonstration of study and social skills

REPORTING DATES

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<td>March</td>
<td>A report card is required and a parent/teacher conference is optional. Either the parent or the teacher may request a conference at this time</td>
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