

Guiding Principles for City Schools of Decatur K-5 Standards Based Report Card

1. Standards-based grading and reporting should be clear and meaningful to all stakeholders.
2. Report card grades should reflect academic standards demonstrating what students know and are able to do.
3. Non-academic indicators are essential in understanding the whole child and should be reported separately from academic grades and marks.
4. The teaching of grade level standards and providing multiple opportunities/methods to determine proficiency are necessary.
5. Quality assessments and rubrics are key to the process.
6. Teacher, parent, and student conferences play an important role in the communication of student progress.
7. Professional development is essential to the successful implementation of standards-based grading and reporting.