

# Denton I.S.D. Standards-Based Report Cards



# What is a Standards-Based Report Card?

It reports a child's progress toward meeting state and district standards in areas of content and performance. It gives specific information on a student's level of proficiency on a given standard.



# Who Benefits from the Standards-Based Report Card?

- ✓ Parents/Guardians and children can be more aware of what is expected.
  - *It provides parents/guardians with a more detailed outline of the expectations in each of the major academic areas.*
  - *It breaks down the state's standards, so parents/guardians can see the specific area, or areas, in which their child could use extra practice.*
- ✓ Teachers can get a better understanding of what each child should know and be able to do.

# How does the Standards-Based Report Card Compare to the Number Grade System?

- ✓ Number grades measure how well children do in comparison to their classmates. The standards-based report card measures how well an individual child is doing in relation to the grade level standards, not the work of other children.
- ✓ This gives parents/guardians a better understanding of their child's strengths and weaknesses and encourages all children to do their best.

# Why Did We Need a Change?

- ✓ The traditional system was based on many factors including work habits, attitude and other variables.
- ✓ A standards-based report card gives specific information concerning a child's level of proficiency on a given standard.
- ✓ The focus is on what the child actually learns.
- ✓ It's best for the child!

# What is a Standard?

- ✓ A statement that identifies what children should know and be able to do.
- ✓ In Texas, the standards are called the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills, or TEKS.
- ✓ You can find the TEKS at:  
<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index2.aspx?id=6148>

# What are Performance Levels?

Levels will be used on the Standards-Based Report Card to indicate a child's level of understanding and performance, based on the standards that are set for the entire year.



# DISD Assessment Parent/Guardian Support

- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Parent Orientation Night
- Standards-based Report Cards
- Specific training at each grade level for teachers





# Need More Information?

For more information about the DISD Standards Based Report Cards and assessment system, feel free to contact...

- *Your Child's Teacher*
- *Your Campus Principal*
- *Your Campus Assistant Principal*
- *Elementary Curriculum Department*

**Remember...**  
it doesn't matter  
where the child  
starts, it's where he  
or she finishes!

