

## 2013-14 – Revised Semester 2 Yellow School Grading Cheat Sheet



In pursuit of our mission to inspire and educate all students to achieve personal and academic excellence, Yellow School classes will all be based on a consistent method of assessment called Standards-Based Grading (sometimes referred to as proficiency- or competency-based grading). The **purpose of this method is to communicate** a grade at the end of a term that reflects an accurate summary of the level of student performance in a subject. Since this type of grading is in many ways different from traditional grading, we have made this cheat sheet to help you interpret student progress in any Yellow School class.

## **Key Elements**

- Each class will have clearly identified **standards** of required knowledge and skills
- Students will take two types of assessments:
  - o Formative assessments used during learning to give feedback for improvement
  - o **Summative assessments** used at the end of learning to summarize level of performance
- Each assessment will have clearly identified **objectives** or **learning targets** that are based upon the standards
- Each assessment will have clear **descriptors for performance** using marks of 1-5:
  - $\circ$  5 = Mastery
  - 4 = Proficient
  - $\circ$  3 = Near Proficient
  - $\circ$  2 = Emerging
  - 1 = Insufficient Evidence
- Students will have **multiple opportunities** to demonstrate proficiency of each standard through the semester.
- A student's **performance level on each major standard** will be updated in the grade book following each summative assessment, and can always go up or down as new evidence is demonstrated
- Only evidence from **summative assessments** will be used by teachers to determine a student's level of proficiency
- **Grades** will be **determined** based on the following:
  - o A = Mostly Mastery, Some Proficient (Or all Mastery)
  - o B = Mostly Proficient, Some Mastery (Or all Proficient)
  - C = Some Near Proficient, Mostly Proficient/Mastery
  - D = Mostly Near Proficient, Some Proficient/Mastery
  - F = Insufficient Performance
- Grades will be communicated the two weeks prior to conferences and again the final four weeks of the semester.
- In addition to content standards, Yellow School values **behaviors** required for **academic success**. Thus, performance on the following behaviors may also be communicated and reported:

## Ownership of Learning

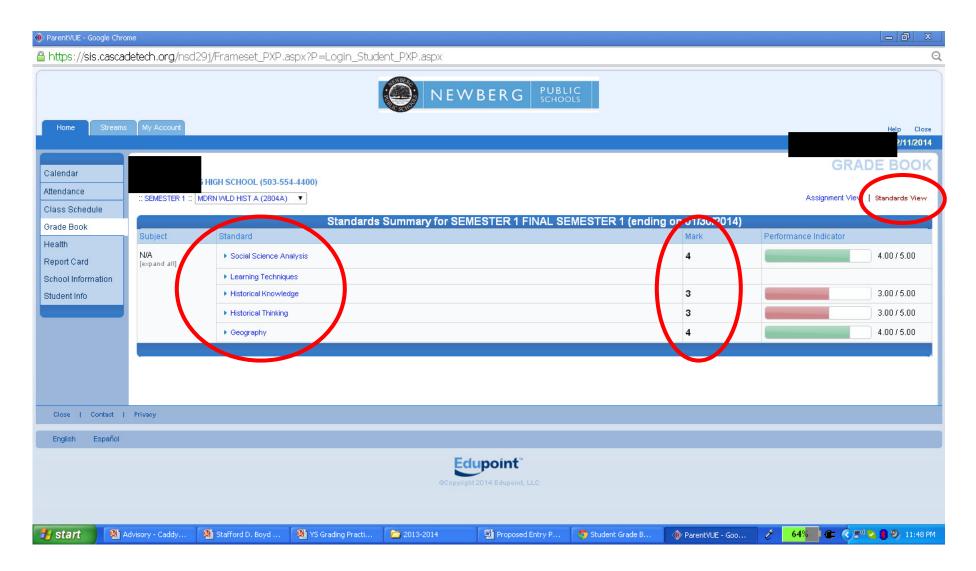
Self-Awareness
Goal Setting
Motivation & Persistence
Monitor Performance
Ask for Help
Self-Efficacy

## Learning Techniques

Time Management
Note Taking
Study for Test
Memorization
Strategic Reading
Collaborative Learning
Technology Proficiency

Feedback on these behaviors will be reported but not used in determination of grades

**STANDARDS VIEW:** Communicates the updated *level of proficiency* on each major *standard* used to determine a grade.



Clicking on a standard opens a list showing evidence of performance from specific summative assessments used to determine the overall level of proficiency on that standard.

