## 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:
- Formative assessments used during learning to give feedback for improvement
- 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:
- $5=$ Mastery
- $4=$ Proficient
- $3=$ Near Proficient
- $2=$ 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:
- A = Mostly Mastery, Some Proficient (Or all Mastery)
- 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 | Learning Techniques |
| :---: | :---: |
| Self-Awareness | Time Management |
| Goal Setting | Note Taking |
| Motivation \& Persistence | Study for Test |
| Monitor Performance | Memorization |
| Ask for Help | Strategic Reading |
| Self-Efficacy | 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.


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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.
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