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# Travis Unified School District

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Kate Wren Gavlak, Superintendent

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Greetings. The Travis Unified School District has been working during the past year to revise the elementary **Standards-Based Report Card** to make it more parent/guardian, student and teacher friendly. With input from parents/guardians, principals and teachers, the Report Card Committee has made several changes that we hope you will find helpful. We have simplified the language and combined some of the categories to make it more readable.

We have also added letter grades to the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade report cards to help with the transition to middle school. We will maintain the reporting of progress on the key standards for each grade. The new letter grades in the core subjects of Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Science will represent your student's overall grade for that subject. The overall grade will represent your child's work in the following areas: tests, homework, class work and participation. The letter grades will be *A for excellent*, *B for good* and *C for satisfactory*. We will **not** use the D or F grade, as the traditional terms of unsatisfactory and failure are not applicable to a Standards Based system, (*the student either met the standard or has not yet met the standard*). Students who have not yet met the standard at the end of the grading period will receive an *"I" for intervention*. This will signify that the teacher, parents/guardians and student need to identify the interventions necessary to help the student meet the standard. The discussion will include how best to support the student at school and home to get the student back on the track to success.

If you have ideas, suggestions or questions regarding our revised report card, please share them with us. We are interested in doing whatever we can to improve our communication with parents regarding your child's progress.

Thank you,

Jim Hahn  
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