

Elementary Parent Guide for Exams, Grading, & Promotion

St. Johns County School District's instructional continuity response to COVID-19 has been a tremendous effort by our entire community. Thank you for doing your part to ensure that students are in the best position possible to continue academic growth at their highest levels. We will exercise care and compassion to make decisions that are best for students as we implement necessary changes in policy and procedures.

Elementary Exams

Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) requirements for 2019-2020 have been cancelled.



Elementary Grading Guide

- Teachers will score assignments and provide feedback to students on a weekly basis therefore interim grades will not be issued.
- Students are accountable for engagement, participation, and completion of assignments

Students in K-2nd Grade

4th quarter marks for ELA & Math

- *For identified ELA and math competencies, students will receive **P for Progressing** or **I for Improvement Needed**; remaining ELA and math competencies will not be graded
- M (Meeting the Standard) will not be used because of the challenge to observe students demonstrating skills for each competency. Therefore, marks will be limited to P or I for the 4th quarter.
- **Improvement Needed** will be reserved for students who meet one or more of the following:
 - ✓ not progressing in 4th quarter
 - ✓ below grade level in 3rd quarter
 - ✓ active tier 3 Rtl plan

4th quarter Science, Social Studies, Resource and Character/Social Development for K-2nd

Feedback may be provided for science, social studies, resource, and character/social development skills lessons; however, no grade will be recorded on the report card

Students in 3rd-5th Grade

4th Quarter grades for 3rd - 5th

- For the fourth quarter, students will not receive traditional A-F letter grades on the report card.
- In ELA, math and science, students will receive **P for Progressing** or **I for Improvement Needed** for the 4th quarter grade.
 - **Improvement Needed** will be reserved for students who meet one or more of the following:
 - ✓ not progressing in quarter four
 - ✓ below grade level in quarter 3
 - ✓ active tier 3 Rtl plan
- Feedback may be provided for social studies, resource, and character/social development skills lessons; however, no grade will be recorded on the report card

3rd - 5th Report Card

- Final grades (A-F) for the school year will be calculated from grades in quarters 1, 2, 3

Promotion K-5

Promotion decisions for students in grades K-5 will be made in consultation with parents, teachers, and school leaders based on the students' classroom performance and progress monitoring data.

- **Grade 3 Promotion:** Generally, the Grade 3 ELA FSA is a key component districts use to make promotion decisions. Since this data will not be available due to the cancellation of statewide assessments for the 2019-2020 school year, promotion decisions will be made in consultation with parents, teachers, and school leaders based on the students' classroom performance and progress monitoring data.