

TITLE: Elementary School Progress Report Marking

Practices and Procedures

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POLICY: The Elementary California Content Standards (CCS) Progress Report for grades

K-5/6 and the Transitional Kindergarten (TK) progress report are implemented by all schools to provide a consistent, comprehensive system for reporting pupil progress and for providing data on student achievement of the California content standards and the Preschool Learning Foundations for TK students.

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MAJOR CHANGES:

This bulletin replaces BUL–2332.6 of the same title, dated August 11, 2017. The major changes include:

- Guidance on the required use of the Learning Management System online gradebook to record assignment marks or current proficiency levels (See page 10)
- Clarification on the use of N/A within an academic subject or content standards domain during each reporting period (See page 5)
- References to grading support resources such as standards alignment documents, methods of computing composite scores, and suggested portfolio artifacts (See page 6)
- Attachment A to reflect recommended practices for Mastery Learning and Grading (See pages 17-18)
- Attachment B LMS Online Gradebook Grade Entry Minimum Requirements At-A-Glance (See page 19)
- Attachment C Sample Warning Notices (See pages 20-23)

GUIDELINES:

The elementary progress report policy is designed to develop a consistent, comprehensive system for reporting student progress. This includes measures for early identification of students at risk of not meeting grade level standards and for early systems of parent notification in accordance with California Education Code, Sections 48070 and 48070.5. The elementary progress report is computerized and will continue to be implemented at all elementary school sites. Resources and job aids for the progress report, online gradebook and online grade entry are available as follows:

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- Learning Management System (LMS) online gradebook and grade entry at https://achieve.lausd.net/pls
- MiSiS grade entry at http://achieve.lausd.net/Page/6215
- Teacher and parent resources at https://achieve.lausd.net/Page/11770

I. POLICIES ON SCORING PRACTICES

The Board of Education has the authority to adopt rules and regulations governing a marking system. The principal has the responsibility for implementing Board policy. District marking practices policies have been established to ensure that students grouped together for educational reasons are evaluated on the same general criteria and that educators use grades to:

- Inform instruction
- Support individual student learning
- Support all students in attaining proficiency by the end of the academic year
- Give each student and his/her family feedback about the student's progress and mastery of the content standards
- Plan for professional development

The following general marking policies are to be consistently implemented:

- A. All elements of the District's educational program the curricula, daily instructional activities, materials, textbooks, and assessments are to be aligned to support progress of all students toward achievement of the California content standards K-5/6 and the Preschool Learning Foundations for TK. For support in planning instructional activities aligned to standards, learning targets and resources, see the L.A. Unified Curriculum Maps at http://www.lausd.net/cdg/CurriculumMaps_Elementary/story_html5.html
- B. At the beginning of each school year, all classroom teachers will inform students and parents about:
 - 1. The teacher's classroom marking policies including:
 - The District's policy on Standards-Based Promotion (SBP) as outlined in BUL-601, Standards-based Promotion Policy, Parent Notification, and Appeal Process for Elementary Schools.
 - Expected learning targets, objectives, goals, and/or California Content Standards for the grade-level and curriculum covered in the class.



- Assessment criteria, scales, rubrics, mastery learning measures used by the teacher to determine marks entered on the elementary progress report card.
- o Process used to provide frequent and timely feedback on progress towards mastery of these standards.
- Please note that TK students may not repeat TK. Kindergarten retention is addressed in REF-6756.0, Kindergarten Continuance: Parental Agreement for Pupil to Continue in Kindergarten (See page 13).
- 2. The grade appeal process as outlined in BUL-1926.2, *Request to Change a Pupil Grade*, which explains under which grounds according to Education Code section 49066 parents have a right to request a change of a pupil's grade.
- C. Teachers are to evaluate a student on the degree to which he or she is progressing toward the achievement of grade-level standards and English language proficiency standards for English Learners (EL) where applicable. TK students are monitored on their development from the 48 to 60 months skills in the Preschool Learning Foundations.
- D. For English Learners, Dual Language Learners, Gifted students, and students receiving intervention, program participation will be automatically indicated on the elementary progress report.
- E. Although attendance may influence student progress, it may not to be used as part of any rigid formula for assigning subject marks (Education Code Section 49067); furthermore, *Characteristics and Behaviors of a College and Career-Ready Learner* and attendance are not subject to the grade appeal policy.
- F. Academic marks and Behaviors of a College-Prepared and Career-Ready Learner marks must be assigned to all students who have been enrolled at a school for fifteen or more instructional days during regular reporting periods. If attendance during the initial marking period for a student has not been sufficient to warrant the assignment of scores, a teacher will select under Academic General Comments, AG-14, in the Teacher Comments section, "Insufficient attendance to determine performance."

Please note that L.A. Unified is committed to removing barriers to academic success for all students, including students in foster care and/or experiencing homelessness. In order to maintain consistency in reporting the academic progress of foster students, teachers should

consider assigning marks to these students whether or not they have been enrolled a minimum of 15 instructional days, if appropriate.

- G. L.A. Unified's Teaching and Learning Framework outlines the following expectations for fully articulating criteria and performance standards to families and students:
 - 3d3, Feedback to Students Teacher's feedback to students is timely, frequent, relevant, accurate and aligned to instructional outcomes. Specific feedback guides students to revise and improve their work.
 - 4b2, Information About Individual Students Teacher communicates with families about students' progress on a regular basis beyond report cards and parent conferences. Teacher communicates available resources and interventions.
 - **4b1, Information About the Instructional Program** Teacher provides required and additional information on a regular basis regarding the instructional program. Teacher uses technology and other means to enhance parent-teacher communication.
- H. Teachers should inform parents regarding exceptional student performance and student improvement.
- I. The score of "1" or "2" can only be issued to a student whose parent or guardian has been given adequate prior notice by the midpoint of that reporting period. Refer to REF- 6302.1, *Elementary Official Roll Book* for the specific dates for the midpoint of each reporting period.
- J. Specific intervention in accordance with L.A Unified's Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) Framework, including use of the Student Support and Progress Team (SSPT) process when applicable, is to be offered and implemented before issuing a score of "1" or "2" and/or before issuing a recommendation for retention. For additional information on the SSPT process, see BUL-6730.1, *A Multi-Tiered System of Support Framework for the Student Support and Progress Team*.
- K. All schools will issue the elementary school progress report to parents three times during the school year for grades TK-5/6.

II. EXPLANATION OF SCORING TERMS

The District has a four-level scoring scale for grades K-5/6 using the numbers 4, 3, 2, and 1 to indicate student achievement aligned to the California content standards for that current point in the academic year.



A. Achievement in the academic subjects is indicated as noted below. The following excerpts are from the K-5/6 progress report:

Academic Achievement Scores K-5/6

Indicates student *progress* towards achievement of grade-level California content standards thus far in the school year.

- 4 = Exceeds grade-level standards
- 3 = Meets grade-level standards
- 2 = Progressing toward meeting grade-level standards
- 1 = Minimal progress toward grade-level standards
- N/A = Not assessed in current reporting period*
- \checkmark = Assessed during reporting period

N/A is not an option for any academic subject, including social emotional development, on the TK report card. (See transitional kindergarten marking guidance on page 4.)

The following table explains when N/A can be assigned within an academic subject or content standards domain during each reporting period:

Academic Subject	N/A Allowed
English Language Arts	NO
Mathematics Content	YES*
Mathematical Practices	YES*
Science	NO
History-Social Science	NO
Visual and Performing Arts	YES**
Physical Education	NO
Health Education	NO
Characteristics and Behaviors of a College-	
Prepared and Career-Ready Learner	NO
ELD	NO
Dual Language	NO

^{*}Students are to receive a grade in at least one math domain and one mathematical practice per reporting period so that by the final reporting period, students have received a grade in each of the math domains and the mathematical practices.

<u>Note</u>: N/A is not an option for the English Language Arts and Math composite scores.

^{**} Students are to receive a grade in at least one arts discipline in each reporting period so that by the final reporting period, students have received a grade in each of the 4 arts disciplines within the Visual and Performing Arts academic subject.



- B. A composite score is an overall grade at the subject level and is required for ELA and math. While simple averages may be used to compute the composite scores, school teams are encouraged to engage in collaborative discussions about which ELA and Math California Content Standards (CCS) might be pivotal for the grade level as they calibrate practices in computing the composite score.
- C. Scores for TK-5/6 *Behaviors of a College-Prepared and Career-Ready Learner* indicate student's demonstration of the 21st Century Skills, including interpersonal skills, ethics and integrity, in connection with the expectations of their grade level standards. This section of the progress report also provides feedback on the social emotional development of students. The following excerpts are from the progress report:

Behaviors of a College-Prepared and Career-Ready Learner K-5/6

Indicates student's demonstration of the 21st Century and Social Emotional Learning Skills aligned to the California content standards (CCS) expectations from the California Department of Education (CDE).

C = Consistently

S = Sometimes

R = Rarely

- D. For grading guidance such as standards alignment resources, support with composite scores, checklists and recommended portfolio artifacts, see the Elementary Grading Support website at https://achieve.lausd.net/Page/13782.
- E. For sample progress report formats, job aids, FAQs and marking practices related policy documents, including the Elementary Progress Report Handbook, see the New Elementary Progress Report website at https://achieve.lausd.net/Page/11770.
- F. Many schools throughout L.A. Unified are implementing MLG to build teacher capacity to use effective, research-based grading practices that support the achievement of all students. For information on Mastery Learning and Grading, see Attachment A.

III. MASTER PLAN PROGRAMS MARKING GUIDANCE

The following information is in regard to scoring procedures for Master Plan Programs.

A. Scores for English Language Development (ELD) indicate the amount of progress an EL has made toward achieving the California ELD standards Part I: *Interacting in Meaningful Ways* and Part II: *How English Works*.

K-5	/6 ELD SCORING	GUIDE
4	Advanced	Demonstrating ADVANCED PROGRESS in the
	Progress	ELD proficiency level standards
3	Average Progress	Demonstrating AVERAGE PROGRESS in the
		ELD proficiency level standards
2	Partial Progress	Demonstrating PARTIALLY PROFICIENT
		PROGRESS in the ELD proficiency level
		standards
1	Limited Progress	Demonstrating LIMITED PROGRESS in the
		ELD proficiency level standards

B. With the L.A. Unified implementation of the 2012 California ELD standards there was a shift from five English language proficiency levels to three levels. The three English language proficiency levels are as follows:

K-5/6	ELD PROFICIENCY LEVEL
BR	Bridging: Students at this ELD proficiency level continue to learn
	and apply a range of high level English language skills in a wide
	variety of contexts, including comprehension and production of
	highly technical texts. Students are ready to transition to full
	engagement in grade level academic tasks and activities in a variety
	of content areas without the need for specialized ELD instruction.
EX	Expanding: Students at this ELD proficiency level are challenged
	to increase their English skills in more contexts, learn a greater
	variety of vocabulary and linguistic structures, and apply their
	growing language skills in more sophisticated ways appropriate to
	their age and grade level.
EM	Emerging: Students at this ELD proficiency level typically progress
	very quickly, learning to use English for immediate needs as well as
	beginning to understand and use academic vocabulary and other
	features of academic language.

Elementary Progress Report ELD Marking Guidance

For information on marking guidance for the following Master Plan Instructional Programs, please see the Progress Report Handbook or visit the Elementary Grading Support website at https://achieve.lausd.net/Page/13782.



- Mainstream English Program
- L²EAP = Language and Literacy in English Acceleration Program (formerly Structured English Immersion)
- Dual Language One-Way Immersion Program, formerly known as Maintenance Bilingual Education
- Transitional Bilingual Education Program (K-3 only). This program will be phased out by 2019.
- Dual Language Two-Way Immersion Program, formerly known as Dual Language Program
- World Language Immersion Program, formerly known as Foreign Language Immersion Program

Additional resources are also available on the Multilingual and Multicultural Education Department (MMED) website under elementary English Learner Instruction at https://achieve.lausd.net/Page/9151#spn-content.

IV. GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION MARKING GUIDANCE

Students who are identified gifted, talented, or highly gifted are held to the same grade-level standards as their non-identified peers. Grades are assigned to gifted students using grade-level standards to reflect progress in the general curriculum. A "3" represents meeting grade-level standards and expectations (i.e., student demonstrates solid knowledge and understanding). A "4" represents exceeding grade level standards and expectations (i.e., student demonstrates advanced knowledge and understanding). For additional information, please see the Progress Report Handbook or the Elementary Grading Support website: https://achieve.lausd.net/Page/13782.

V. SPECIAL EDUCATION MARKING GUIDANCE

Students with disabilities who participate in the general education curriculum are held to the same grade level standards as their non-disabled peers. Grades assigned to students with disabilities are assigned using grade level standards to reflect progress in the general education curriculum. Students with disabilities who participate in an alternate curriculum are to be graded on their progress and achievement based on alternate achievement standards. For information on marking guidance for students with disabilities, please see the Progress Report Handbook or the Elementary Grading Support website: https://achieve.lausd.net/Page/13782.

VI. TRANSITIONAL KINDGARTEN MARKING GUIDANCE

The *Transitional Kindergarten (TK) Progress Report* is aligned to the California Preschool Learning Foundations (PLF). A student's mark is based on how he or she is developing along the continuum from $\mathbf{E} = \text{Exploring (48 months)}$, $\mathbf{B} = \text{Building (60 months)}$, $\mathbf{D} = \text{Developing (emerging kindergarten skills)}$, and $\mathbf{I} = \text{Integrating (kindergarten skills)}$.

Academic Scores Key						
$\mathbf{E} = \text{Exploring}$	$\mathbf{B} = \text{Building}$	\mathbf{D} = Developing	I = Integrating			
(48 months) (60 months) (emerging kinder skills) (kinder skills)						

Kindergarten standards are not expected to be mastered until the end of the *kindergarten* year. TK students are working towards meeting all PLF. Social Emotional Development is reflected separately in *Characteristics and Behaviors of a College-Prepared and Career-Ready Learner*. The TK progress report is designed to note a student's developmental level at

The TK progress report is designed to note a student's developmental level at the time of grading. Teachers should consider the following questions when assigning a mark:

- What skills has the student come to school with?
- Where is the student based on experiences she/he has had, whether formal instruction in an academic subject has taken place or not?

The TK progress report is a tool to help teachers as well as parents determine the subsequent instructional experiences that would support the student's developmental next steps.

English Language Development Scoring Guide for TK

In TK, ELD scoring aligns to the Preschool Learning Foundations (PLF) and its levels: Beginning, Middle, and Later. For a complete description of the stages of bilingual language development, see PLF volume 1, pages 105-108.

English Language Development Key						
$\mathbf{B} = \text{Beginning}$	$\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{Middle}$	L = Later				
Beginning to develop	Repeats familiar phrases	Beginning to use English				
English especially with	and uses formulaic	to learn in all content				
signals and stimuli.	speech. Code switches.	areas. Use of age-				
	Comprehension is	appropriate English is				
	developing.	improving.				

The Preschool Learning Foundations vol. 1, 2, and 3 provide bulleted examples of what students are able to demonstrate when proficient at the 48-and 60-month expectations and within the 3 ELD PLF levels. The intention for TK is not mastery of kindergarten or early kindergarten skills. The



objective of TK is to assure that each student is strong in all content areas of the Preschool Learning Foundations and, thus, ensuring a strong foundation for a successful school career K-12. For additional information and marking guidance regarding TK, please see the Progress Report Handbook the Elementary Grading Support website: https://achieve.lausd.net/Page/13782.

Social Emotional Development

Characteristics and Behaviors of a College-Prepared and Career-Ready Learner TK

Indicates student's demonstration of the 21st Century and Social Emotional Learning Skills aligned to the Preschool Learning Foundations (PLF) expectations from CDE.

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VII. Learning Management System Online Gradebook

Beginning in the 2018-2019 academic year, all K-5/6 elementary teachers are required to enter assignments marks, or current proficiency levels for MLG schools, on the Learning Management System (LMS) online gradebook. While the Modified Consent Decree mandates the use of an online gradebook, this shift to the online gradebook also reflects L.A. Unified's commitment to providing frequent and ongoing communication with parents regarding student progress. (Please see *REF-6302.1*, *Elementary Official Roll Book*)

L.A. Unified recognizes that elementary teachers have been maintaining a portfolio of student work samples to share with parents and students for providing feedback and as an on-going measure of progress towards mastery of grade level standards by the end of the school year.

The LMS online gradebook will support teachers in enhancing and extending regular communication of student progress to parents beyond conferences and progress reports. The LMS gradebook passback feature will streamline the grade entry process and create more efficiency around the completion of progress reports.

The LMS online gradebook is available for TK teachers. The grade passback feature is available for K-5/6 teachers. For job aids and additional information on the online gradebook and progress report entry via the LMS online gradebook, visit https://achieve.lausd.net/pls#spn-content.



Online Grade Entry Year 1 Requirements: 2018-2019

As teachers develop proficiency in using the LMS online gradebook during this first year of transition from traditional paper gradebooks, teachers will:

- Continue to maintain a portfolio of scored student work samples and then select assignments or current proficiency levels (See MLG, Attachment A) to enter in the LMS online gradebook that are representative of progress towards mastery of standards. For suggestions on portfolio artifacts in each subject area, see the Elementary Grading Support website at https://achieve.lausd.net/Page/13782.
- Select assignments to enter in the gradebook that can be tagged to address multiple standards. Teachers who are interested in creating assignments to address multiple standards and provide different grades for each standard should see the LMS online gradebook job aid on using the rubric feature.

Below are minimum requirements for the first year of implementation.

A. Marks for ELA, Math and Academic Language Development
By the mid-point of each reporting period, a minimum of one
assignment mark or current proficiency levels (See MLG, Attachment
A) in each of the academic subjects: ELA, Math and Academic
Language Development should be entered

1. English Language Art (ELA)

- Foundational Reading Skills,
- Making Meaning from Text, or
- Effective Expression Through Writing

2. Math

- Math Domains, or
- Math Practices

This applies to the math domains and practices being taught in the current reporting period.

3. Academic Language Development (ALD)

- Math Integrated English Language Development (iELD) for English Learners
- Mainstream English Language Development (MELD) for Standard English learners, or
- ALD for English Only, Initially Fluent English Proficient and Reclassified Fluent English Proficient students



- Language Conventions and Effective Use of Vocabulary,
- Effective Expression Through Writing, or
- Effective Expression through Speaking and Listening.

For a detailed description of ALD and MELD, refer to the section 1 of the Progress Report Handbook.

Additional information on ALD and MELD is also available on the AEMP website at https://achieve.lausd.net/Page/9940.

B. **By the end of each reporting period**, teachers should enter a minimum of <u>three</u> assignment marks or current proficiency levels (See MLG, Attachment A) in each of the academic subjects: ELA, Math and ALD (includes iELD and MELD).

C. Marks in the other academic subjects

By the end of the reporting period, a minimum of <u>one</u> assignment mark or current proficiency level (MLG) should be entered for each of the other academic subjects [Science, History/Social Studies, Visual and Performing Arts, Health, Physical Education, as well as the remaining standard strands in ELA, ALD/iELD/MELD and Math (domains and practices taught during the current reporting period)].

- One assignment mark or current proficiency level (MLG) entered by the midpoint and one by the end of the reporting period is highly recommended.
- D. Students should be given multiple opportunities to demonstrate proficiency.
- E. Progress report marks must be based on multiple assignments that span the duration of the reporting period. When assigning student marks or proficiency levels (MLG), use of simple averages may penalize students for mistakes during the early stages of learning. Consider basing marks on the more recent/consistent evidence of proficiency.
- F. Please note that the recommended promising practice is to provide continual assessment and feedback to students and families by recording on the LMS online gradebook as many assignment marks as possible, and no less than <u>six</u> per subject area per reporting period, <u>or</u> consistently and frequently updating current proficiency levels in learning targets in each academic subject (See MLG, Attachment A).

G. Please see Attachment B, *The LMS Online Gradebook Grade Entry Minimum Requirements At-A-Glance*, for grade entry requirements expected for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021.

VIII.MISIS REPORT CARD AND INTERVENTION

Use of MiSiS for progress report grade entry is being phased out to be replaced with grade entry using the LMS online gradebook and passback for grades K–5/6. MiSiS will still be available to K-5/6 teachers for grade entry during the 2018-2019 school year. TK teachers can only use MiSiS for grade entry.

Refer to https://achieve.lausd.net/Page/6215 for resources and job aids that provide detailed instructions for entering grades on MiSiS. For additional information on grade entry in MiSiS, see section 3 of the progress report handbook.

Additionally, before the end of each reporting period, all interventions must be documented in MiSiS.

IX. WARNING NOTICES, RETENTION, PROMOTION, AND ACCELERATION

- A. Per California Education Code Section 49067 (a), the parent of each pupil shall be notified in a conference, or a written report, whenever it becomes evident to the teacher that the pupil is in danger of failing a course. LAUSD policy requires warning notices to be issued at the middle point of the reporting period. The refusal of the parent to attend the conference, or respond to the written report, shall not preclude assigning a failing grade at the end of the grading period.
- B. Per California Education Code Section 48070.5 (e), parental notification is required at each reporting period. When a pupil is identified as being at risk of retention a pupil's parent or guardian shall be provided with the opportunity to consult with the teacher(s) responsible for the decision to retain the pupil. For instructions and forms see BUL- 601 Standards Based Promotion Policy, Parent Notification and Appeal Process for Elementary Schools.
- C. Please note that the warning notices indicated above are applicable for any student not meeting the grade level standards in the composite score or any sub-score of the progress report. If a student is not at risk at the midpoint of the reporting period but later becomes at risk, teachers should send the warning notice to parents at that time.



- D. A sample warning notice template is available in English and Spanish at https://achieve.lausd.net/Page/11770 under the LAUSD Policies tab. School administrators can customize this form for use at their school sites.
- E. Principals are to provide clear communication to teachers on the dates of the midpoint of each reporting period and the requirement to provide parents with warning notices for students at risk of receiving a "1" or "2" in any progress report area.
- F. Kindergarten continuance is defined as more than one school year in kindergarten. According to California Education Code Sections 48011 and 48070-48070.5, California law provides that after a child has been lawfully admitted to kindergarten and has attended for a year, the child shall be promoted to the first grade unless the school district and the child's parent/guardian agree to have the child continue to attend kindergarten for not longer than one additional year. This rule applies whether a child begins kindergarten at the beginning of a school year or at some later date. A parent/guardian who agrees their child is to continue in kindergarten must sign the Kindergarten Continuance Form. A Kindergarten Continuance Form is not needed for children who are ageeligible for TK. A child is eligible for TK if they have their fifth birthday between September 2 and December 2 (inclusive) and each school year thereafter (EC 48000[c]). Failure to have signed Kindergarten Continuance forms on file may jeopardize audit findings and result in a loss of apportionment.

For instructions and forms see REF-6756.0, *Kindergarten Continuance: Parental Agreement for Pupil to Continue in Kindergarten*.

RELATED RESOURCES:

- *BUL-601 Standards-based Promotion Policy, Parent Notification, and Appeal Process for Elementary Schools dated December 17, 2013
- *BUL-1926.2 Request to Change a Pupil Grade dated March 16, 2016
- BUL-3491.1 *Homework and Makeup Policy in Grades K-12* dated May 9, 2012
- *REF-5777.5, *Transitional Kindergarten Implementation* dated July 12, 2016
- REF-6756.0, *Kindergarten Continuance: Parental Agreement for Pupil to Continue in Kindergarten* dated September 12, 2016
- REF-43782, *Implementing a Multi-Tiered System of Supports Framework* dated July 1, 2018



- BUL-6730.1, A Multi-Tiered System of Support Framework for the Student Support and Progress Team dated July 13, 2017
- REF-6302.1, Elementary Offical Rollbook dated August 2018
- Division of Instruction new elementary progress report webpage, http://tinyurl.com/NewReportCard or https://achieve.lausd.net/Page/11770
- Elementary grading supports and resources webpage, https://achieve.lausd.net/Page/13782
- New elementary progress report MiSiS job aids, https://achieve.lausd.net/Page/6215
- LMS online gradebook online gradebook and grade entry job aids, https://achieve.lausd.net/pls
- LAUSD Teaching and Learning Framework

*At the time of this bulletin, the above-referenced document is being updated which may result in a new number.

ASSISTANCE: For assistance or further information regarding:

General progress report marking practices, please contact Carlen Powell, Administrator, Elementary Instruction at (213) 241-5333 or via email at carlen.powell@lausd.net.

Mainstream and Language and Literacy Education Acceleration Program (L²EAP), formerly called Structured English Immersion Programs, marking practices, please contact Carla Gutierrez, Elementary Coordinator, MMED at (213) 241-5582 or via email at carla.gutierrez@lausd.net or Christopher Mason, Elementary English Learner Expert, MMED at (213) 241-5582 or via email at christopher.mason@lausd.net.

Standard English Learner marking practices for MELD and ALD, please contact Kandice McLurkin, Administrative Coordinator, Standard English Learner Support/Academic English Mastery Program at kandice.mclurkin@lausd.net or (213) 241-3340.

Transitional Bilingual Education, Dual Language One-Way Immersion Program (formerly called Maintenance Bilingual Education Program), Dual Language Two-Way Immersion Program (formerly called Dual Language Program) and World Language Immersion Programs (formerly called Foreign Language Immersion Programs) marking practices, please contact Helen Yu, Coordinator, Dual Language/Bilingual Programs Office at (213) 241-5582 or via email at helen.yu@lausd.net.



Special Education marking practices, please contact Lela Rondeau, Coordinator TK-12 at (213)241-8133 or lela.rondeau@lausd.net.

Gifted and Talented Programs, please contact Lucy Hunt, Coordinator, Gifted and Talented Programs at (213) 241-1419 or lhunt@lausd.net.

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ATTACHMENT A

Elementary Progress Report and Mastery Learning and Grading

Mastery Learning and Grading (MLG) is a growth-mindset approach to teaching and learning, based on the expectation that everyone can learn when provided with the right conditions and support. In Mastery Grading, grades are based on what students know and are able to do in regards to standards-based learning targets. Coupled with Mastery Learning, teachers can then take this information and tailor instruction to meet individual student needs in order to support more students in reaching grade-level proficiency.

From an MLG perspective, the new Elementary Progress Report effectively provides more discrete information about what students know and are able to do and on what students are still making progress. For example, while students will still be given a composite overall score in ELA, the new Progress Report also provides information on student progress in the five domains: Foundational Reading Skills, Making Meaning from the Text, Language Conventions/Effective Use of Vocabulary, Effective Expression Through Writing, Effective Expression Through Speaking and Listening. As a progress check, this provides students, parents, and teachers with a better understanding of areas of success and areas for growth; however, these domains remain too broad to inform daily classroom instruction. A student who is not yet proficient in Foundational Reading Skills may need help in some specific Foundational Reading skills, but have already demonstrated proficiency in other specific Foundational Reading skills. Therefore, in MLG, each domain would be broken down into one to five learning targets to inform instruction and grading. For example, Foundational Reading Skills learning targets may include Print Concepts, Phonological Awareness, Phonics and Word Recognition, and Fluency.

Once teachers have identified learning targets in each domain/reporting area, they can design instruction to help students develop proficiency in these targets and can provide students with feedback on their progress in each as well. In MLG, student proficiency towards these targets would be assessed based on depth of understanding using rubrics or tiered assessments, not based on the percentage of items answered correctly (See *The Case Against Percentage Grades* by Thomas Guskey). Their score in each learning target would not be determined by averaging all scores in the learning/reporting period together because this would not account for growth over time and would penalize mistakes made in the learning process. Instead teachers should determine whether students have developed proficiency by the end of the learning/reporting period, by examining a body of evidence, and considering more recent or consistent performance (See Grading: *Why You Should Trust Your Professional Judgement* by Guskey and Jung).



Consider the following example:

Operations and Algebraic Thinking Learning Target 1:

I can represent and solve problems involving multiplication and division.

	Assessment 1	Assessment 2	Assessment 3		Current Proficiency Level
Zoey	1	2	3	3	3

In this example, Zoey has taken 4 assessments on "Learning Target 1: I can represent and solve problems involving multiplication and division", which is 1 of the 4 learning targets in "Operations and Algebraic Thinking." It is clear that Zoey is improving in her understanding of this learning target and by the end of the current reporting period, she has demonstrated that she is proficient on multiple assessments. In MLG, therefore, her current proficiency level in "Learning Target 1" would be 3 (note: averaging all scores together would result in a 2.25).

Zoey's Current Proficiency Levels in Operations and Algebraic Thinking Learning Targets

Operations and Algebraic Thinking	Current Proficiency Level
Learning Target 1	3
Learning Target 2	2
Learning Target 3	3
Learning Target 4	3
Progress Report Grade	3

The above chart depicts Zoey's current proficiency level in all 4 learning targets feeding into Operations and Algebraic Thinking. She has demonstrated proficiency in three of the four learning targets and not scored below a 2 in any of the learning targets. In MLG, because she is mostly proficient and doesn't have any significant gaps, her grade in Operations and Algebraic Thinking would most likely be a 3.

The newly developed curriculum maps will include district-recommended learning targets. These maps will be available in ELA and math in August 2018 and science and history in December 2018.

For additional information on Mastery Learning and Grading, please contact Melissa Guice at 213-241-6741or via email at mjg7290@lausd.net or Chris Grounds at 213-241-6739 or via email at christopher.grounds@lausd.net.



ATTACHMENT B

Learning Management System Online Gradebook Grade Entry Minimum Requirements At-A-Glance

- •Teachers should maintain a portfolio of scored student work and enter assignment marks or current proficiency levels* on the LMS online gradebook that reflect progress.
- •Students should be given multiple opportunities to demonstrate proficiency.
- •Progress report marks must be based on multiple assignments that span the duration of the reporting period.
- •Recommended promising practice is to record on the LMS online gradebook as many assignment marks as possible and no less than <u>six</u> per subject area per reporting period <u>or</u> consistently and frequently updating current proficiency levels* in learning targets in each academic subjects.

Academic Subject	<u>M</u>	Minimum Grade Entry 2018-2019 Minimum Grade Entry 2019-2020			Minimum Grade Entry 2020-21	
English Language Arts Foundational Reading Skills, Making Meaning from Text, or Effective Expression Through Writing	RP Midpoint	One assignment mark or current proficiency level*.	RP Midpoint	• <u>Two</u> assignment marks or current proficiency levels*.	RP Midpoint	Three or more assignment marks or current proficiency levels*.
	RP End	Three assignment marks or current proficiency levels*.	RP End	• Four assignment marks or current proficiency levels*.	RP End	Six or more assignment marks or current proficiency levels*.
Mathematics Math Domains or Math Practices	RP Midpoint	One assignment mark or current proficiency level*.	RP Midpoint	• <u>Two</u> assignment marks or current proficiency levels*.	RP Midpoint	• Three or more assignment marks or current proficiency levels*.
	RP End	• Three assignment marks or current proficiency levels*.	RP End	• Four assignment marks or current proficiency levels*.	RP End	• <u>Six or more</u> assignment marks or current proficiency levels*.
Academic Language Development (ALD) iELD for Els, MELD for SELs and ALD for EOs, IFEPs, RFEPs Language Conventions and Effective	RP Midpoint	• One assignment mark or current proficiency level*.	RP Midpoint	• <u>Two</u> assignment marks or current proficiency levels*.	RP Midpoint	• Three or more assignment marks or current proficiency levels*.
Use of Vocabulary, Effective Expression Through Writing, <u>or</u> Effective Expression Through Speaking and Listening.	RP End	• Three assignment marks or current proficiency levels*.	RP End	Four assignment marks or current proficiency levels*.	RP End	• <u>Six or more</u> assignment marks or current proficiency levels*.
All Other Academic Progress Report Areas Science, History/Social Studies Visual and Performing Arts, Health Physical Education, and the remaining sub scores in ELA, iELD/ALD/MELD and Math (practices and domain taught)	RP End	 One assignment mark or current proficiency level*. One by the midpoint and one by the end is highly recommended. 	RP End	 <u>Two</u> assignment mark or current proficiency levels*. <u>Two</u> by the midpoint and <u>two</u> by the end is highly recommended. 	RP End	 Three or more assignment mark or current proficiency levels*. Three or more by the midpoint and three or more by the end is highly recommended.

RP is Reporting Period, * Current Proficiency Level is used in Mastery Learning and Grading, and Sub Score refers to either strands, domains, displines, etc. as delineated in the framework of each academic subject.

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ATTACHMENT C

SAMPLE Kinder – 5th Grade Warning Notice <Insert School Letterhead>

To the parent/guardian of _	(Student I	Name)	
Date of Birth	Grade	ELD Level	Room
This letter is to inform you	that your child is not meeting	grade level standards in:	
ACADEMIC SUBJECTS	<u>S</u>		k Behavior of a College-Prepared d Career-Ready Learner
English Language Arts Foundational SkillsMaking Meaning from TextConventions & VocabularyEffective Expression through WritingEffective Expression through Speaking/Listening MathematicsCounting & Cardinality (kinder only)Operations & Algebraic ThinkingNumber & Operations in Base TenMeasurement & DataGeometryNumber & Operations –Fractions (3 rd –5 th)Math Practices Science History/S.S. Arts Physical Ed. Health ELD		communicates clworks productivelistens to, interpr Understands othershows respect & resolves problems Thinks Critically, solvapplies knowledsevaluates answergenerates new & Acts responsibly, etworks independefollows school &respects the rightorganizes workpmakes productive Uses technology &presents informauses appropriate te	cognizes the opinions & feelings of others in different ways ves problems creatively, values evidence ge & experiences to solve problems rs, explains reasoning creative ideas chically, & is productive citizen ently & asks for assistance when needed c classroom rules ts & property of school and others
<u>ATTENDANCE</u>			
Tardy Absent			
Other Comments:			
This report is a brief evalu greatly appreciated.	ation of your child's progress.	Please sign and return this	s sheet to your child's teacher. Your cooperation
If you would like to discus	s your child's progress further	please contact the office to	o schedule an appointment with the teacher.
Teacher's Signatu	ire	_	Date
Principal's Signatu	ire		Parent's Signature



SAMPLE

Kinder – 5th Grade Warning Notice - SPANISH <Insert School Letterhead>

A los Padres o Tutores de			
	(N	Iombre del Estud	liante)
Fecha de Nacimiento	Grado	Nivel de inglé	s Salón
El propósito de esta carta es	para informarle que su	ı hijo(a) no ha c	cumplido con las normas del nivel del grado en:
ÁREAS ACADÉMICAS		<u>Car</u>	racterísticas y conducta de un estudiante preparado
			para la universidad y listo para una carrera
Artes de Lenguaje de Ingle		a	
Destrezas fundamentales			comunica y colabora eficazmente
Comprenden el significa			se comunica claramente a través del habla y la escritura
Reglas del idioma, uso e			trabaja productivamente en grupos de colaboración
Expresión eficaz a través			escucha, interpreta y utiliza información
Expresión eficaz al habla	ar y escuchar		tiende otras perspectivas
<u>Matemáticas</u>	. 1)		demuestra respeto y reconoce las opiniones de los demás
Contar y cardinalidad (k			resuelve los problemas de diferentes maneras
Operaciones y pensamie			nsa críticamente, soluciona problemas con creatividad
Números y operaciones	basadas en decenas		alora la evidencia
Medidas y datos			aplica conocimientos y experiencias para resolver problemas
Geometría	6 : (2 1 5.1)		evalúa las respuestas, explica el razonamiento
Números y operaciones-			genera ideas nuevas y creativas
Prácticas de matemáticas	S		<u>úa de manera responsable, éticamente, y es un</u>
Ciencias			dadano productivo
Historia/ Estudios Sociales _			trabaja independientemente y pide ayuda cuando es necesario
Arte _			sigue las reglas de la escuela y del salón
Educación Física			respeta los derechos y la propiedad de la escuela y de otros
Educación de Salud			organiza el lugar de trabajo y los materiales
ELD			hace uso productivo del tiempo en clase y permanece
(aprendizaje del idioma ingl	es)		concentrado en la tarea
ACICTENCIA			liza estratégicamente y hábilmente a la tecnología y los
<u>ASISTENCIA</u>			dios digitales presenta información eficazmente en una variedad de formatos
Dias tardes			
Ausencia		_	utiliza eficazmente las tecnologías apropiadas cuando comunica
Ausencia		s	se adhiere a las reglas que se encuentran en la política del distrito AUP
Otros Comentarios:			
Este es un reporte breve d su cooperación.	le la evaluación de si	u niño/a. Por fa	avor firme este papel y devuélvalo a la maestro/a. Se agradec
Si desea hablar más acerc	ca del progreso de su	hijo/a, comuní	quese con la oficina para hacer una cita con el/la maestro/a.
Firma del Maestro(a)			Fecha
Firma del administrado	or		Firma del padre
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SAMPLE

6th Grade Warning Notice <Insert School Letterhead>

To the parent/guardian of	(Student N	Jame)		
Date of Birth	Grade	ELD Level	Room	
This letter is to inform you	a that your child is not meeting g	rade level standards in:		
ACADEMIC SUBJECTS		Characteristics &	<u>& Behavior of a College-Prepared</u> nd Career-Ready Learner	
English Language Arts Foundational SkillsMaking meaning from textConventions & VocabularyEffective Expression through WritingEffective Expression through Speaking/Listening MathematicsRatios & Proportional RelationshipsThe Number SystemExpressions & EquationsGeometryStatistics & ProbabilityMath Practices Science History/S.SArts Physical Ed. Health ELD		Effectively communicates & collaborates communicates clearly through speaking & writingworks productively in collaborative groupslistens to, interprets, & uses information Understands other perspectivesshows respect & recognizes the opinions & feelings of otherssolves problems in different ways Thinks Critically, solves problems creatively, values evidenceapplies knowledge & experiences to solve problemsevaluates answers, explains reasoninggenerates new & creative ideas Acts responsibly, ethically, & is productive citizenworks independently & asks for assistance when needed _follows school & classroom rulesrespects the rights & property of school & otherorganizes workplace & materialsmakes productive use of class time & stays on task Uses technology & Digital Media strategically & Capablypresents information effectively in a variety of formatsuses appropriate technologies effectively when communicatingadheres to the guidelines found in the district AUP		
ATTENDANCE				
Tardy Absent				
Other Comments:				
This report is a brief evalu greatly appreciated.	nation of your child's progress. F	Please sign and return thi	is sheet to your child's teacher. Your cooperation is	
If you would like to discus	ss your child's progress further p	lease contact the office t	to schedule an appointment with the teacher.	
Teacher's Signatu	ure	_	Date	
Principal's Signatu	ıre	_	Parent's Signature	



SAMPLE

6th Grade Warning Notice - SPANISH <Insert School Letterhead>

A los Padres o Tutores de			 -	
	(N	Iombre del Estudiante)		
Fecha de Nacimiento	Grado	Nivel de inglés	Salón	
El propósito de esta carta es	para informarle que si	u hijo(a) no ha cumplid	lo con las normas de	l nivel del grado en:
ÁREAS ACADÉMICAS				e un estudiante preparado sto para una carrera
Artes de Lenguaje de Inglé	<u>és</u>			
Destrezas fundamentales			<u>ica y colabora efica</u>	
Comprenden el significa				ravés del habla y la escritura
Reglas del idioma, uso e		trabaja	productivamente en	grupos de colaboración
Expresión eficaz a través			a, interpreta y utiliza	información
Expresión eficaz al habla	ar y escuchar		otras perspectivas	
<u>Matemáticas</u>				ce las opiniones de los demás
Razones y relaciones pro	oporcionales		e los problemas de d	
El sistema numérico		<u>Piensa crí</u> t	<u>ticamente, solucion</u>	a problemas con creatividad
Expresiones y ecuacione	es	y valora la	a evidencia	
Geometría		aplica c	onocimientos y experie	encias para resolver problemas
Estadísticas y probabilio		evalúa	las respuestas, expli-	ca el razonamiento
Prácticas de matemática	ıs	genera	ideas nuevas y creat	rivas
Ciencias		<u>Actúa de r</u>	manera responsable	e, éticamente, y es un
Historia/ Estudios Sociales_		<u>ciudadano</u>	<u>productivo</u>	
Arte		trabaja i	ndependientemente y p	pide ayuda cuando es necesario
Educación Física		sigue la	as reglas de la escuel	la y del salón
Educación de Salud				edad de la escuela y de otros
ELD		organiz	za el lugar de trabajo	y los materiales
(aprendizaje del idioma ing	glés)			mpo en clase y permanece
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				bilmente a la tecnología y los
ASISTENCIA		medios dig		
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Días tardes				gías apropiadas cuando comunica
Ausencia				entran en la política del distrito AUP
Otros Comentarios:				
Este es un renorte corto de	e la evaluación do cu	ı niño/a Por favor fir	rme este nonal v do	evuélvalo a la maestro/a. Se agrad
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Si desea hablar más acerca	a del progreso de su	hijo/a, comuníquese	con la oficina para	hacer una cita con el/la maestro/a
Firma del Maestro(a)			Fecha	
Firma del administrador	<u> </u>		Firma del	padre
				*