

Understanding the Changes in the GICSD Elementary Report Card

Dear Parents,

You may already be aware that the Grand Island Central School District has made revisions to the Elementary Report Card. This quick reference is intended to help identify the most significant changes and provide some basic information to you as we make this transition. As you receive your child's report card, it will be important to note the information below:

- 1. Appearance:** The report card looks different. We have re-aligned the reporting information to reflect the New York State Common Core Learning Standards. While there are some minor differences at the between and among grade levels, you will note that K-5 Report Cards are now aligned with each other.
- 2. It is now a Standards Based Report Card:** this means that we are reporting the students' progress toward the expectations of meeting the NYS Common Core Learning Standards
 - As such, a Level 3, "meeting the standards" is the "at grade level expectation" for students.
 - Students achieving 'high grades' (i.e.: 100% on assignments and assessments) indicates that your child is working fully AT grade level, not necessarily above or exceeding grade level expectations.
- 3. Successful Learner:** a new section on the report card which is indicative of learning behaviors that support student success
- 4. More Information:** is available on our website and within the schools. We will be hosting two parent nights to further support understanding these new changes:
 - Wednesday, November 20, 2013 6:00 – 7:00 PM MS Little Theater
 - Monday, December 9, 2013 6:00 – 7:00 PM HS Auditorium

Available resources to help parents understand these changes:

- An extensive Parent Letter: Understanding the new GICSD Report Card
- Grand Island Central School District Report Card Parent Resource Document (specific for each grade level)
- PreK-5 Grading Criteria/Rubrics
- Grand Island Central School District PreK-5 Report Card Defining Document

Each of these documents is available for your reference on our GICSD Website at <http://www.k12.ginet.org/departments.cfm?subpage=18989>