

How will the Standards-Based Report Card help students?

- Students know their academic expectations.
- Students are able to draw conclusions between classroom lessons and the content standards.
- Students are able to distinguish between levels of performance to meet personal academic goals.

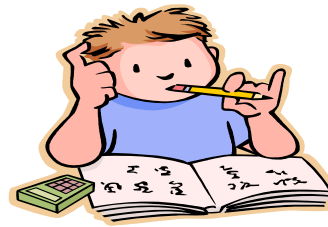
How the Standards-Based Report Card helps teachers?

Teachers in the Sachem Central School District have high expectations for student achievement. The report card enables teachers to share significant information with both parents and students.

- Teachers can identify student strengths and needs.
- Teachers will align all instruction, assessment and reporting to the New York State Standards.

How does the Standards-Based Report Card help parents?

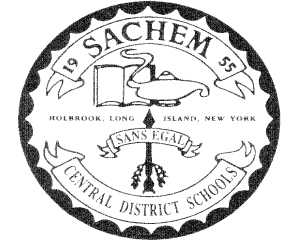
- The report card provides parents with detailed information about their child's academic progress towards achieving grade level standards.
- Parents can identify their child's academic strengths and needs.
- If a child struggles in learning a standard, parents will know exactly which area to provide review and practice at home.
- The Standards-Based Report Card provides a focused and detailed profile of your child's academic performance.



Visit the Sachem website to find additional information on the Standards-Based Report Card.

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SACHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



Parent Guide

to the

Standards-Based K-5 Elementary Report Card

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What are Content Standards?

- As a result of the *No Child Left Behind* Act, standards were created and adopted by the New York State Board of Regents in 1996 to determine the academic proficiency level of students by the end of each year in school.
- Standards are defined as what students are to know and be able to do at each grade level. They are the underpinnings of what is taught to students and help schools organize the specific learning objectives within each content area.

Why use Content Standards?

- The standards-based reform is an effort to increase student achievement by setting high academic standards and working to help all students achieve the standards.
- It is our goal to help students achieve proficiency in the New York State grade level standards.

Why use a Standards-Based Report Card?

- The standards-based report card allows parents to see their child's progress in skills required for success on each academic standard.
- With a standards-based report card, parents can monitor their child's progress as he/she works towards each of the state content standards.

How will standards be graded?

- Standards will be assessed and recorded using the following four Performance Levels:

1 = Below Standards

2 = Works Toward Standards

3 = Meets Standards

4 = Exceeds Standards

How Can I Help my Child to Achieve the Standards?

- Know what the standards are and what your child is expected to do.
- Know what kind of homework is expected of your child and develop a routine for homework completion.
- Show interest in your child's school activities. Listen, converse, plan and celebrate with your child.
- Make reading a natural part of your child's daily routine. Read to your child and have your child read to you on a daily basis. Discuss the books you've read as well as those shared in school. Have books, magazines, and newspapers in the home and make frequent visits to the library.
- Discuss current events. Allow your child to express opinions about what's happening in the community and the world.
- Encourage activities that involve problem solving. Let your child participate in finding solutions to problems by asking for suggestions and comments.
- Expose your child to new cultural, environmental and social experiences that support and stimulate learning.