

Frequently asked Questions – Elementary and Middle School 9 Week Grading

1. Where can I find the current version of LISD Grading Guidelines?

The grading guidelines are located on the intranet

http://intranet.lisd.net/ourpages/dept_operations/files/forms/GradingPolicies.pdf

As expected last year, please share the current grading guidelines with your staff prior to the start of the school year. Beginning with the 2012-13 school year, revisions in the grading guidelines were made and while the guidelines are not changing this year, it is important teachers remember the purpose of grades and are not using outdated versions of grading guideline documents. (Additionally, the elementary guideline information is also in the Elementary Curriculum Guidelines document located in Eduphoria Forethought.)

2. Did the grading guidelines change as a result of moving to a 9 week reporting period?

For the 2013-14 school year, there are no changes. The minimum number of grades required in previous years for a six week reporting period, now apply for a 9 week reporting period. The minimum number of grades are outlined in the current grading guidelines for elementary and middle school.

3. How often will progress reports be sent home with students?

Progress reports will be provided to parents/guardians every 3 weeks, maintaining a level of consistent communication from previous years.

4. Why is the change to a 9 week grading period critical for increasing the use of differentiated assessment practices?

Extending the grading period from six to nine weeks allows teachers the opportunity to incorporate a variety of assessment practices as suggested by the examples found in the “major” grade category. Therefore, students will benefit from varied, authentic learning experiences, with increased time for deeper learning, reflection, and growth opportunities.

5. What is required for determining student UIL eligibility? (Middle School Only)

For the actual dates students can gain/lose eligibility, please refer to the chart provided by the Athletic Department. It is imperative teachers are cognizant of the initial six week cycle for eligibility purposes and the remaining nine week cycles thereafter for re-gaining/loss of eligibility as appropriate.