

LIBERTY MIDDLE SCHOOL



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Dear Liberty Middle School families,

This school year a team of teachers at Liberty is participating in a middle school district pilot to implement standards based reporting. As previously shared in a letter provided by the Camas district office, we are working on this to develop a grading system that provides specific feedback regarding how students are progressing on the individual standards learned in class rather than a traditional letter grade.

Along with the information provided in the letter from the district office there are Liberty specific elements of the pilot we want you to be familiar with as we learn together on how to best serve your student and report what they know.

Each content area has designed learning opportunities to deepen your students understanding of various content standards. After multiple opportunities to practice a skill around a standard there will be an assessed event. There will be a minimum of three assessed events per standard.

At the end of each trimester a proficiency score will be calculated for each standard that was covered. Those proficiency scores will be calculated by taking a weighted average of all of the assessed events for that standard, giving more weight to the most recent assessed event. When it comes to reporting a score at the end of a term, Skyward is designed to provide a cumulative percentage score that is translated into a letter grade. This process stands in direct contrast to the kind of reporting that we are piloting. Students who are enrolled in pilot classes will receive a Pass or Fail in addition to traditional letter grades from their non-pilot classes.

Proficiency scores will not be translated into letter grades.

We are excited to sharpen our ability to use a grading system that guides students to a place of learning content instead of earning a letter grade. We realize that this letter may create more questions and we invite you to share those questions with us as we explore answers together. We will be holding a parent information meeting on October 17 at 6:00 in the Liberty Commons. We will have a brief presentation as well as a question and answer period. We hope to see you all there.

Sincerely,

The Liberty Pilot Teachers

Mrs. Beardmore, Mrs. Eoff, Mr. Eoff, Mr. Volke, Mrs. Hofer, Mrs. Braskett, Mrs. Marcell, Mr. Dewey, Mr. Brossia, and Mr. Grunwald

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