

Smyrna School District

K - 5 Standards-Based Grading

Progress Reports & Report Cards

2025-2026



As you review your child's performance for Progress Reports and Report Cards throughout the year, the Smyrna School District wants to provide context to our standards-based grading and the scoring indicators. This document, along with these student reports will serve as updates on the progress and performance of your student during the school year.

What do the numbers mean on my student's report?

The numbers on the student report indicate where a student is on their learning progression toward mastering grade-level standards for what has been taught *at this point in the year*. As the units progress throughout the year, your child's scores will adjust based on their performance on the standards being taught at that time.

PROGRESS INDICATOR	1	2	3	4
Description	BEGINNING Student has limited grasp of the concepts and is well-below marking period expectations for grade-level standards addressed at this point in the year.	DEVELOPING Student has an awareness of basic concepts and shows some progress, but is behind in reaching marking period expectations for grade-level standards addressed at this point in the year.	APPROACHING Student has demonstrated success with a majority of the marking period expectations for grade-level standards addressed at this point in the year.	MEETING Student has met marking period expectations for grade-level standards addressed at this point in the year.

What does it mean if my student received scores of 3 or 4?

Both progress reports and end-of-trimester report cards inform parents of your child's progress towards mastering the standards addressed in the grade level. If your student received scores of 3 or 4, it indicates that they are making meaningful progress towards mastering the standards addressed in the grade level that have been taught at this point in the year. Please note that content/units change and progress throughout the course of the year in a subject which can impact your student's scores on future assessments, progress reports, and report cards depending on their performance on this new content.

How will I receive my student's progress reports and report cards this year?

Progress Reports: Progress reports will be printed and sent home with your student at the midpoint of each trimester.

Report Cards: Report cards will be available online using the Infinite Campus Parent Portal and will be printed and sent home with your student for Trimesters 1 and 2. For Trimester 3, report cards will be available online and printed upon request.

What does the IRLA Home Update tell me about my child's progress in reading?

The IRLA Home Update (American Reading Company) provides parents and guardians with a snapshot of where their child is currently with respect to their independent reading level. The Home Update highlights the student's current independent reading level and what they are consistently able to do, explains what students need to achieve to move to the next level, and shares strategies on how families can help and coach their readers at home. A guide to reading the IRLA Home Update is below.

The IRLA Home Update identifies grade-level targets for the end of each school year.

PreK	Kindergarten		1		2		3	4	5	6	7	8	9 & 10	11 & 12	
RTM	1-3Y	1G	2G	1B	2B	1R	2R	Wt	Bk	Or	Pu	1Br	2Br	Si	Gl

In the top right corner of the IRLA Home Update, you will find your child's current independent reading level, their beginning of the year level, and grade level target for the identified month (see example below). You will then see whether your child is currently reading below, on, or above grade level. As your child shows growth this year, it will be noted to show their progress.

(Child's Name) Current Independent Reading Level:	1B (1.26)
(Child's Name) Beginning of the Year Level:	1B (1.00)
1st Grade Target for October	1B (1.00)
(Child's Name) current reading level is on-target.	
(Child's Name) has made 0.26 years of growth so far this year.	

The Home Update Report provides a snapshot of what your child is currently doing as an independent reader. You will also find a section entitled 'What Can Families Do?'. Please use this section to determine how you can support your child at home with their reading. This, in conjunction with support from your child's teacher, will help your child grow as a reader.

As always, if you have further questions about your child's progress, please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher. For more information on standards-based instruction and grading, please visit the Curriculum and Instruction page on the Smyrna School District website (<https://www.smyrna.k12.de.us/Page/626>).