

Proficiency Grading in 2014-15

Salem-Keizer's elementary schools will switch to proficiency grading in fall 2014



Three Reasons for Proficiency Grading:

It shows student knowledge



Proficiency grades show how much a student has learned in relation to an end-of-year grade level standard, and what they have yet to learn.

It shows student growth



Proficiency grades show the student's growth toward achieving a grade level standard. Grades increase as students increase in mastery of a subject.

It helps students learn!



Proficiency grading helps teachers identify gaps in learning and focus on areas where a student needs more instruction.

Typical Progression of Student Scores:

First Progress Report

1

Second Progress Report

2

Third Progress Report

3 OR 4

Proficiency Scoring Scale

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| 4 | Exceeds proficiency at grade level |
| 3 | Proficient at grade level |
| 2 | Developing proficiency at grade level |
| 1 | Limited proficiency at grade level |

This scale shows academic proficiency levels.

Other Scoring Scale

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| E | Excellent/Consistently Demonstrates - Needs little/no support, displays confidence. |
| S+, S, S- | Satisfactory/Regularly Demonstrates - Needs some support, showing progress. |
| AC | Area of Concern - Showing limited or no progress. |
| X, Blank | Not applicable at this time. |

This scale is used for characteristics of successful learners, effort, and some academic areas.