

Our Lady of Grace Catholic School
Standards Based Grading Information Update
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General Definitions All Grades:

Formative Assessments

Formative assessments occur during the learning process in order to modify teaching and provide academic support. Formative assessments are designed to provide practice and guide next steps in teaching and learning. Examples include homework, daily quizzes or inquiry activities. Students will receive descriptive feedback by learning target or standard that reflects their progress toward mastering content or skills during the course of instruction. Students will act on revising and improving their work based on this feedback.

Summative Assessments

Summative assessments are designed as a final evaluation of student learning. Examples include tests, projects, or demonstrations. Students will receive scores by each standard that reflect their level of mastery in regards to the content or skills assessed.

Specific Grading Situations:

Spelling Assessments (1st-3rd)

For weekly spelling tests there will not be an opportunity to exceed the standard. If a student passes the pretest, the child will already have met the standard and will be given the alternate spelling list for that week. Students are able to exceed in spelling, which is part of the "grammar and mechanics" standard, by applying spelling patterns to their daily writing, journal entries and other writing projects.

Math Assessments (1st-5th)

On the cover sheets of math assessments you will notice a "Part A" and "Part B." Part A is summative and is a series of questions that students have been learning about for that specific chapter. There will not be an opportunity to exceed in this category because they cannot demonstrate a deeper understanding of the content and have been taught the material. Part B is formative and although the material has been introduced, mastery is not expected at this time. When there are open response questions, or other questions that teachers feel demonstrate a deeper level of thinking, there will be a chance to exceed on those specific questions and standards.