

HAZLET TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

In June 2018, a presentation was given at all elementary school PTO meetings explaining the change that would take place in the 2018-19 school year transitioning from a traditional report card to a Standards Based Report Card for all elementary students. Over the course of many months a committee of teachers, content supervisors, as well as school and district administrators have worked collaboratively to develop Standards Based Report Cards for our students in grades 1 through 4, similar to our already established kindergarten report card. The change to a Standards-Based Report Card came from the belief that our previous report card did not fully communicate what students are expected to know and be able to do as set forth in the New Jersey Student Learning Standards. This report card benefits students, teachers and parents/guardians because it allows students to be more aware of what is expected of them and provides parents with a more detailed outline of the expectations in each of the major academic areas.

We believe that your understanding of what is expected of your child and how well he or she is progressing towards the goals at his or her grade level is very important. We look forward to working together to provide your child with the knowledge and tools to be successful and to reach his or her maximum potential.

Additionally, the number of reporting periods has been reduced from four marking periods to three trimesters, which will allow for additional time within reporting periods to collect evidence of student learning and monitor development growth.

All K-4 report cards and trimester dates are available for parents in the Digital Backpack as well as on the District Webpage under "Curriculum." If you should feel the need for additional clarification or have questions regarding Standards Based Report Cards, please contact your child[ren's] Principal or the Curriculum Office.

Additionally, I will be giving my PTO presentation again on Monday, December 3rd at 6:00 pm in the Raritan High School media center for anyone who may have missed it or has additional questions.

Sincerely,

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