



DEER VALLEY

Unified School District

July 2023

Dear DVUSD Parents/Guardians,

The grading scales and grading procedures in Deer Valley Unified School District have been updated and will be in place for all schools beginning July 31, 2023.

Students in **1st and 2nd grades** will receive marks for their overall performance in each course of study using the following letter grade scale.

E = Excellent
S = Satisfactory
N = Needs Improvement
U = Under Performing

Students in **3rd through 12th grades** will receive marks for their overall performance in each course of study using the following letter grade scale.

A = 90-100%
B = 80-89%
C = 70-79%
D = 60-69%
F = 0-59%

Grades of "D" and above are passing marks. A course grade of "F" indicates that the student has failed the course. For 9th-12th grade levels, no course credit will be awarded for a failing course grade.

Kindergarten students do not receive course grades. They will receive marks for their proficiency of the learning standards only using the standards scale below.

The standards scales will be used to communicate a student's proficiency of the learning standards on assessments and, in some cases, on coursework and practice assignments. The standards scores will impact the student's course grade in first and second grades.

Students in **Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grades** will receive marks for their proficiency toward the grade level standards using the following scale as has been the practice for the past 2 decades in DVUSD.

4 = Applies grade level skills with greater depth or complexity
3 = Demonstrates grade level proficiency
2 = Approaches grade level proficiency
1 = Displays a significant lack of grade level proficiency
NE = No Evidence (student work missing)

Students in **3rd through 12th grades** will receive marks for their proficiency toward the grade level standards using the following scale. The standards marks are informational and do not impact the student's overall course grade.

4 = Highly Proficient
3 = Proficient
2 = Partially Proficient
1 = Minimally Proficient
NE = No Evidence (student work missing)

In **grades 3-12**, gradebook entries will be associated with one of the following categories and weighted in the following manner:

ASSESSMENT Category	80%
COURSEWORK Category	20%
PRACTICE Category	0%

For more information about DVUSD Grading Practices, please take a look at the following resources:

DVUSD Grading Web Page: <https://www.dvUSD.org/Domain/10003>

DVUSD Grading Practices Document
<https://url.dvUSD.org/DVUSDGradingPractices>

K-6 Promotion, Retention, Acceleration, and Grading Guide, 7-8 Promotion, Retention, Acceleration, and Grading Guide, or 9-12 Grading, Reporting, And Graduation Guide: <https://www.dvUSD.org/Domain/1302>

Thank you,

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