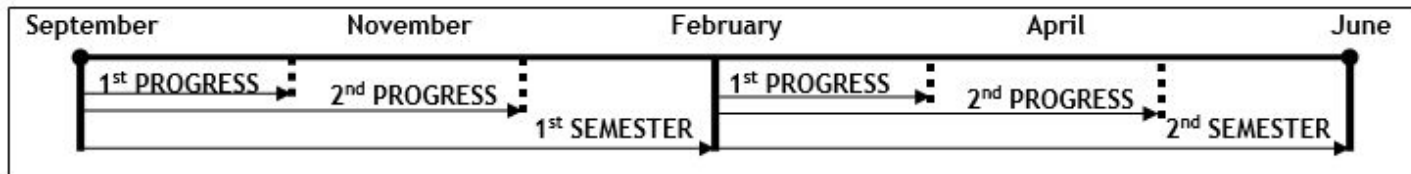


Understanding Your Student's Progress Report

Academic and Citizenship grades are distributed to Dana Middle students six times during a school year.



- 1st PROGRESS REPORT – represents work completed during the first six weeks of school. This is only a progress report and is not recorded in your student academic history. It is distributed in October.
- 2nd PROGRESS REPORT – represents work completed during the first twelve weeks of school. This is only a progress report and is not recorded in your student academic history. It is distributed in December.
- 1st SEMESTER REPORT CARD – represents work completed during the first eighteen weeks of school. This is a final grade. It is distributed in February.
- 2nd SEMESTER - 1st PROGRESS REPORT – represents work completed during the first six weeks of the second semester. This is only a progress report and is not recorded in your student academic history. It is distributed in March.
- 2nd SEMESTER - 2nd PROGRESS REPORT – represents work completed during the first twelve weeks of second semester. This is only a progress report and is not recorded in your student academic history. It is distributed in May.
- 2nd SEMESTER REPORT CARD – represents work completed during the last eighteen weeks of school (the second semester). This is a final grade. It is distributed in June.

Academic and Citizenship Grades

Progress Reports and Report Cards follow the same format. A student is awarded an academic grade and a citizenship grade for each class. Each academic grade equals a point value: A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, F=0. Plus and minus grades represent teacher comments. They are not recorded in your child's academic history and not part of the GPA calculation.

All students receive one citizenship grade for each class. Students will earn one of three possible grades:

Citizenship grade	How it appears on the progress report	Point value
Exceeds Standards	Good	3
Meets Standards	Satisfactory	2
Does Not Meet Standards	Needs Improvement	1

Most students will earn "Meets Standards" in citizenship. Children need to understand our expectation is they meet the standards identified in the rubric. Only a few students will exceed this standard. The citizenship rubric in your child's planner breaks out the citizenship grade into separate categories in order to help adults facilitate conversations with students regarding the variety of factors that go into determining a citizenship grade.

IMPORTANT: Telling students that anything less than "Exceeds Standards" is less than acceptable reinforces the fixed mindset we are trying to avoid. Citizenship grades should be used as a tool to help students reflect upon their behavior and choices. When a child does not earn the grade they want, we should focus the conversation on what they can do to improve it during the next grading period. Focusing energy on who's fault it is only reinforces the belief that the child does not have the ability to manage their own situation.

Understanding Grade Point Average (GPA)

GPA's are used to determine student eligibility for certain campus-wide events. Please visit the Parent FAQ section of our website for details on how Honor Roll is calculated. Your student earns an academic and citizenship grade for each class. A GPA reflects the average of these grades. Points earned for each class are weighted based upon the frequency the class occurs. The grade from a two hour language arts class contains twice the weight of a one hour math class. The grade from a science class that meets every other week is half the weight of a one hour math class.

For example, a student earned the following grades: Band (elective) – A (4 points) / English – C (2 points) / Social Studies – C (2 points) / Math – C (2 points) / Physical Education – B (3 points) / Science – C (2 points). To calculate the GPA simply factor into the point for each grade the weighted value, add up the points for each grade, and divide the total by six. In the example above, Elective (4) English (4x2) Social Studies (2) Math (2) Physical Education (3x0.5) Science (2x0.5) = 18.5. Divide 18.5 / 6 = 3.08 Academic GPA.

IMPORTANT: 5th grade English is counted **twice** because this grade represents work completed during a two hour (block) class. 6th grade English is broken out into two separate grades, each added once. Science and Physical Education earn half the weight because they occur only every other week. **The Citizenship Term GPA is calculated using the same method but with using the point values listed in the table above.** The requirements for Honor Roll will be distributed separately.

