

**July 2023**

**Dear DMUSD 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 DMUSD**

**4= Applies grade level skills with greater depth or complexity  
3= Demonstrates grade level proficiency  
2= Approaches grade level proficiency**

**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 DMUSD Grading Practices, please take a look at the following resources:**

**DMUSD Grading Web Page: <https://www.dvusd.org/Domain/10008>**

**DMUSD Grading Practices Document  
<https://ul.dvusd.org/DMUSDGradingPractices>**

**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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