

Grading/Assessment Systems

It is the philosophy of the Board that students will respond more positively to the opportunity for success than to the threat of failure. The district shall seek, therefore, in its instructional program to make achievement both recognizable and possible for students. It shall emphasize achievement in its processes of evaluating student performance.

Classroom assessment practices shall be aligned with the district's content standards and assessment program. Assessment is an integral part of the teaching and learning process that should occur continuously in the classroom. The primary purpose of classroom assessment shall be to enable teachers to make instructional decisions for students on a continual basis.

Students are encouraged to engage in informal self-assessments as they study and attempt to solve problems, monitor their own progress and improve their learning.

Grading system

The administration and professional staff shall devise a grading or assessment system for evaluating and recording student progress and to measure student performance in conjunction with district content standards. The records and reports of individual students shall be kept in a form which will be meaningful to parents as well as teachers. The grading system shall be uniform districtwide at comparable grade levels.

The Board shall approve the grading and reporting systems as developed by the faculty, upon recommendation of the superintendent.

The Board recognizes that any grading and/or assessment system, however effective, is subjective in nature but urges all faculty members to conduct student evaluations as objectively as possible.

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LEGAL REF.: C.R.S. 22-7-407 (*district content standards*)

CROSS REFS.: AEA, Standards Based Education
 IA, Instructional Goals and Learning Objectives
 IK, Academic Achievement
 IL, Evaluation of Instructional Programs, and subcodes
 JRA/JRC, Student Records/Release of Information on Students

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