



October 25, 2021

Dear Sandersville Families:

Report cards for the first quarter are being sent home today. During the 2019-2020 school year, the Sandersville SBDM approved the transition to a standards based report card. Our new report card is aligned to the Kentucky Academic Standards (KAS). Today's report card is the result of two years of learning and preparation by Sandersville teachers. The goal of the report card is to provide an accurate and clear picture of student learning and progress. Highlights of our new report card include:

- Content standards and descriptors tied directly to the KAS.
- A grading key correlated to student progress. Sandersville is putting more emphasis on the terms exceeds, meets, near, and minimal rather than the descriptors. The descriptors are terms/grades used in the FCPS grading policy and should serve only as a guide for intermediate (4th and 5th) parents during this transition.
- Non-academic indicators- Sandersville Guidelines for Success (this was optional for teachers during the first quarter but will be present on all report cards moving forward)
- Special Area Summary (QR Code) with KAS connections for each grade level

#### **What is a standards-based report card?**

A standards-based report card lists the grade level standards students should learn in each subject during a particular nine weeks. The marks on a standards-based report card are different from traditional percentage grades. Percentage grades are often calculated by combining how well a student met his/her particular teacher's expectations, how he/she performed on assignments, tests, and how much effort students demonstrate. These traditional grades give a subject overview, but do not inform parents which skills their child has mastered or whether they are working at grade level.

#### **Why is a standards-based report card important?**

A standards-based report card provides parents and students with specific information about how they are progressing and targets where they need to improve. The new report card clearly defines the standards for families. Guardians know exactly what their child should be able to do. The report card is based directly on the standards, although not every standard is listed on the report card.

Please keep in mind the goal is to have every student "meet" the required knowledge of each standard. As students "meet" mastery, teachers will use this information to provide opportunities for students to "exceed" the standard, usually through a deeper demonstration of knowledge on a standard or meeting the expectation for a similar standard at a higher grade level, moving forward.

Contact your child's teacher or call the front office if you have any questions about today's report card.

Sincerely,

Mr. Marsh, Sandersville Principal