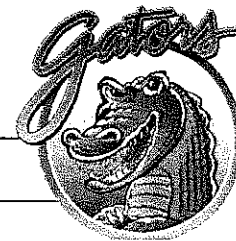


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## Revised ALES Report Cards

November 13, 2013

Dear Parents / Guardians,

In the past few years, there has been a major reform movement in education across the country and New York State. In response to this, instruction at ALES has undergone adjustments to match the NYS Core Curriculum Learning Standards (CCLS). In order to more accurately report to you the progress of your child(ren) toward mastering learning, the ALES Report Cards have been redesigned in a standards-based format.

Instead of report cards being sent home on Friday, November 15th, they will be sent home with students on **Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**. Report cards should still arrive home prior to the Parent-Teacher Conferences scheduled for November 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. A copy of the NYS CCLS (Standards) will be available for parents at the conferences on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you haven't scheduled a conference time, please contact the teacher by phone or email.

While this is a major shift in how we look at reports, we are committed to providing you with information that will assist you in understanding the purpose along with the details in the new report card. There will be a **Parents' Information Meeting** in the ALES Cafeteria at 6 PM next **Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**.

In addition to the standard grades for major subject areas such as ELA, Math, etc., Student achievement toward standards will be reported using a scale of 1 to 4 similar to the one used on the NYS Assessments:

4 = Exceeds grade level expectations

3 = Meets grade level expectations

2 = Developing the skills necessary for this grade level; occasional support/prompting needed

1 = Progress is below grade level expectations; frequent support/prompting needed

A more detailed explanation will be provided to you in a letter to accompany the report cards on November 20<sup>th</sup>. We hope that this new report card format will provide each of you with useful information as we all work toward the goal of improving the education program of our children. Please, join us for the Parent Information Meeting to ask any questions you may have.

Yours truly,

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