

Dear Parent,

You will soon be receiving progress reports for your child. Since your child is an English Language Learner his or her grades may be modified in certain areas. These modified grades are marked with an asterisk (\*) on the progress report. This means that when the teacher looks at your child's progress, they will take into consideration your child's English Language proficiency level. The teacher will discuss this with the ELL staff who works with your child. Massachusetts has English language Proficiency Benchmarks and Outcomes which are a guideline for understanding and planning for the English language Learner's progress. The teacher will use these to help assign a grade for your child.

Some areas on the progress report may not yet apply to your child and these areas will be marked as NA, (not applicable). For instance, a child who is only just learning to speak English will probably have an NA next to "reads fluently".

We hope that marking your child's progress reports this way will give you a better idea of their progress, both in learning English and in what is being taught in the classroom. If you have any questions about this, please feel free to call me at 508 836 7780.

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