

Grading/Assessment Systems

It is the philosophy of the Eagle County School District Board of Education 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 process 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. Peer grading of student assignments and classroom assessments is permissible. The intent of this practice is to teach material again in a new context and to show students how to assist and respect fellow pupils.

The administration and professional staff shall devise a grading system for evaluating and recording student progress and to measure student performance in conjunction with Board-adopted 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, reporting and assessment 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.

LEGAL REF.: C.R.S. 22-7-407

CROSS REF.: 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