

# Fourth Grade Overview

## Mathematics

In fourth grade, students will:

- use the four operations with whole numbers to solve problems.
- gain familiarity with factors and multiples.
- generate and analyze patterns.
- generalize place value understanding for multi-digit whole numbers.
- use place value understanding and properties of operations to perform multi-digit arithmetic.
- extend understanding of fraction equivalence and ordering.
- build fractions from unit fractions.
- understand decimal notation for fractions, and compare decimal fractions.
- solve problems involving measurement and conversion of measurements.
- represent and interpret data.
- understand concepts of angle and measure angles.
- draw and identify lines and angles, and classify shapes by properties of their lines and angles.

## Language Arts

In fourth grade, students will:

- read grade-level literature and informational text with understanding.
- use phonics and word analysis skills to figure out unfamiliar words when reading and writing.
- learn to read aloud accurately and with expression.
- learn beginning research skills.
- Write about events, topics and opinions using key details and expressions of ideas and feelings.
- expand their knowledge of standard capitalization, punctuation and spelling rules when writing.

## HOW CAN I TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE REPORT CARD TO HELP MY CHILD?

Standards-based report cards provide detailed information about how your child is doing in each subject. You will see whether students need extra assistance in certain areas or when they need to be challenged even more. By using these clearly defined standards, teachers and parents can work together to ensure that students succeed.

During parent-teacher conferences:

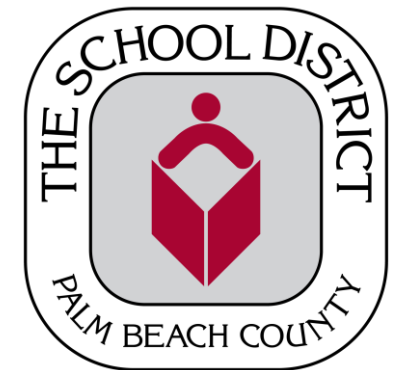
- ask to see samples of your child's work, talk to his/her teacher about whether the work samples are satisfactory, or how your child could have done a better job on the assignments;
- ask about the resources available in each subject so that you can assist your child in reaching or surpassing their educational goals.

Report cards are designed to communicate with parents; they should be helpful and easy to understand. If you have questions or concerns about your school's report card or suggestions for making the report easier to understand, please contact your child's teacher or visit the School District website:

<http://www.palmbeachschools.org/parents/ElemReportCard.asp>

# A Parent's Guide for the Elementary Report Card

## Fourth Grade



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE STANDARDS-BASED REPORT CARDS

## WHAT ARE THE FLORIDA STANDARDS?

In 2014, Florida adopted a more rigorous set of learning expectations in mathematics and language arts to call their own – The Florida Standards for Mathematics and English/Language Arts. The Florida Standards provide a consistent, clear understanding of what students are expected to learn. The standards are designed to be robust and relevant to the real world, reflecting the knowledge and skills that young people need for success in college and careers. For other subjects such as science, social science, health, the arts, and physical education, the Florida Next Generation Sunshine State Standards (NGSSS) are used to determine students' proficiency.

## WHAT ARE THE FLORIDA STANDARDS ACCESS POINTS?

The Florida Standards Access Points reflect the key concepts of the Florida Standards with reduced levels of complexity. They are written to ensure the core intent of the standards, for students with significant cognitive disabilities, which apply to all students in the same grade level. The IEP team determines the need for Access Points. Progress toward the grade level Access Points will be indicated on the report card using Performance Codes and Standards Codes.

## HOW ARE STANDARDS-BASED REPORT CARDS DIFFERENT FROM TRADITIONAL REPORT CARDS?

On many traditional report cards, students receive one grade for reading, one for math, one for science, and so on. On a standards-based report card, each of these subject areas is divided into a list of skills and knowledge that students are responsible for learning. Students receive a separate mark for each standard. The achievement marks indicate a child's progress toward meeting specific grade-level standards. The student's proficiency is reported separately from his or her effort. With the standards-based reporting system, students are evaluated more objectively according to consistent grade-level standards. The letter grades used in traditional report cards are a more subjective reflection of individual teachers' expectations for student effort and achievement.

## HOW DOES THE REPORT CARD MEASURE MY CHILD'S PROGRESS?

The report card will use four different performance codes to indicate a child's progress toward meeting the Florida NGSSS and The Florida Standards for Mathematics and English/Language Arts. The table to the right offers a detailed explanation of what each performance code means. Student progress will be given a performance code for each subject during each trimester. Additionally, standard codes will be given for each standard and are explained in the table to the right.

## PERFORMANCE CODES

- Based on progress toward meeting the grade-level standards
- Based on progress toward meeting the grade-level Access Points standards
- EX Exemplary** – Demonstrates broad in-depth skill/concept development that most often exceeds grade-level standards
- PR Proficient** – Demonstrates skill/concept development that meets grade-level standards
- AP Approaching** – Demonstrates skill/concept development that is beginning to meet grade-level standards
- ND Needs Development** – Demonstrates skill/concept development that is significantly below grade-level standards

## STANDARD CODES

Given for each standard

- X** Student meeting standards
- #** Area of concern
- o** Not assessed during this trimester

For more information about The Florida Standards, visit: [www.cpalms.org](http://www.cpalms.org)  
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