Newberg High Yellow School Grading Practices 2013-2014



NW Proficiency/Competency Conference

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Outcomes

 Understand focus & key factors of NHS Yellow School standards-based grading system

- Understand where your school is with change process towards school-wide practices
 - Ready, Fire, Aim

 Reaffirm current standards- and proficiency-based practices and identify areas for adjustment

Change is non-linear. It's just one damn thing after another.

-- Michael Fullan



Ready, Fire, Aim!

Ready!

- Teachers: History with proficiency
- Middle School Graduation Project
- District Policy
- Mission & Vision



• Fire!

- Build togeher: staff, students, parents, district
- Leverage other change: i.e. Synergy, Evaluation

Aim!

Stay focused and make adjustments



District Policy: Academic Achievement

- 1. Parents informed regularly of progress
- 2. Parents notified performance unsatisfactory
- 3. Parents notified assignment to different level
- 4. Grades based on academic achievement
- 5. Strive for consistency
- 6. Explain to parents meaning of marks and symbols



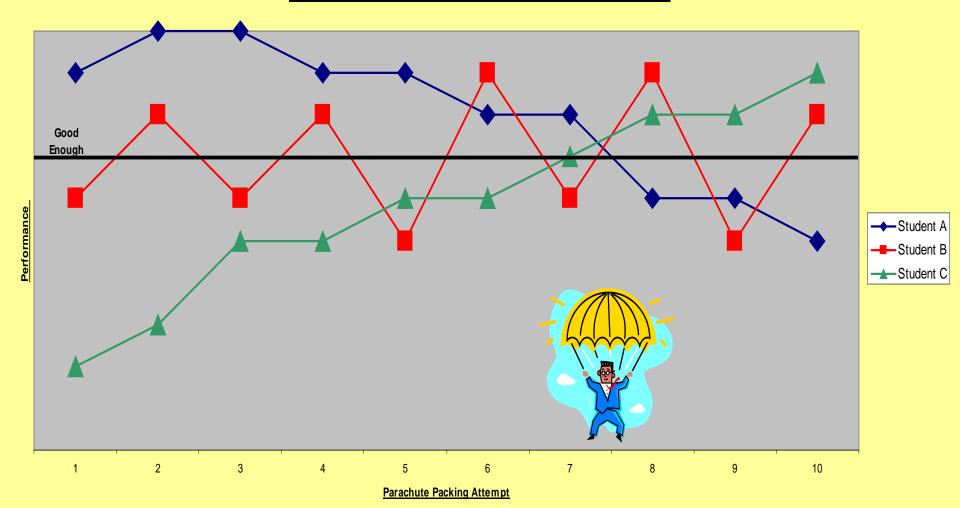
Mission & Vision

The mission of Yellow School is to inspire and educate all students to achieve personal and academic excellence.

- College & Careers
- Community Participation
- Continued Learning



Who Would You Want to Pack Your Parachute?





Focus: Primary Purpose of Grades

Grades = Communication

- Academic achievement at point in time
 - Summary of Performance
- Content Area Standards
 - Knowledge & Skills
- Show what you KNOW and CAN DO!
 - College & Careers
 - Community Participation
 - Continued Learning



Key Factors

- Standards, Outcomes, Learning Targets
 - Knowledge & Skills
- Assessments
 - Summative & Formative
 - Feedback on Performance
- Descriptors of Performance
 - Marks: 1-5
- Multiple Opportunities
- Behaviors for Success



Marks = Achievement Levels

- **5** = Mastery
- 4 = Proficient
- 3 = Nearly Proficient
- **2** = Emerging
- 1 = Insufficient Evidence



Grades = Summary of Achievement

- A=Mostly (or all) Mastery, some Proficient
- **B**=Mostly (or all) Proficient, some Mastery
- C=Mostly Proficient/Mastery, some Near Proficient
- **D**=Mostly Near Proficient, some Proficient/Mastery
- **F**=Insufficient Performance



Traditional vs. Standards-Based

Traditional	Y.S. Standards-Based
"How do I get an A?" "How do I pass?"	"How do I demonstrate proficiency & mastery?"
Assignments: Complete & Turn-in	Assessments: Demonstrate & Perform
Weighted Assignments & Different Point Values	Not all Standards or Assessments created equal
Calculation: Averaging of Points	Determination: Teacher Judgment

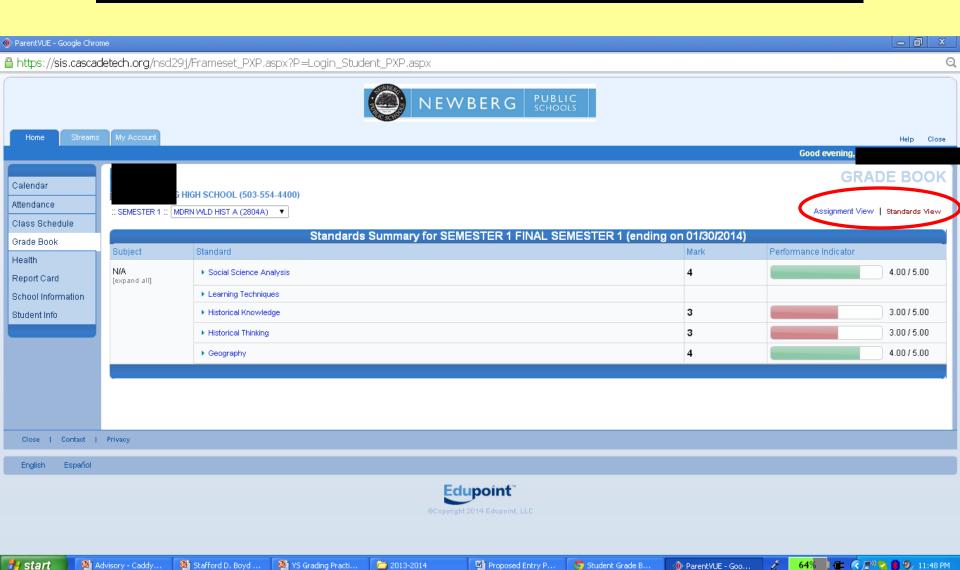
Even the grandest design eventually degenerates into hard work.



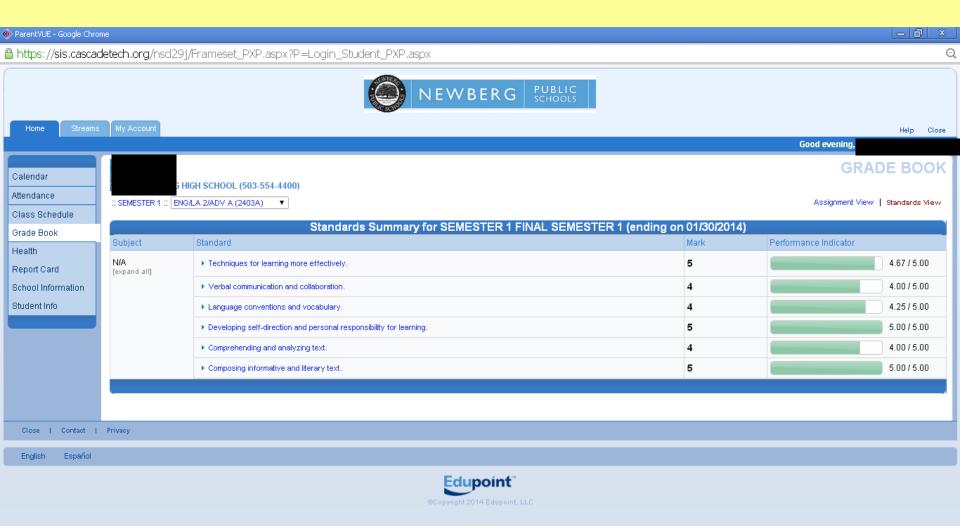
-- Rick DuFour



Standards View – Social Studies



Standards View - Language Arts

















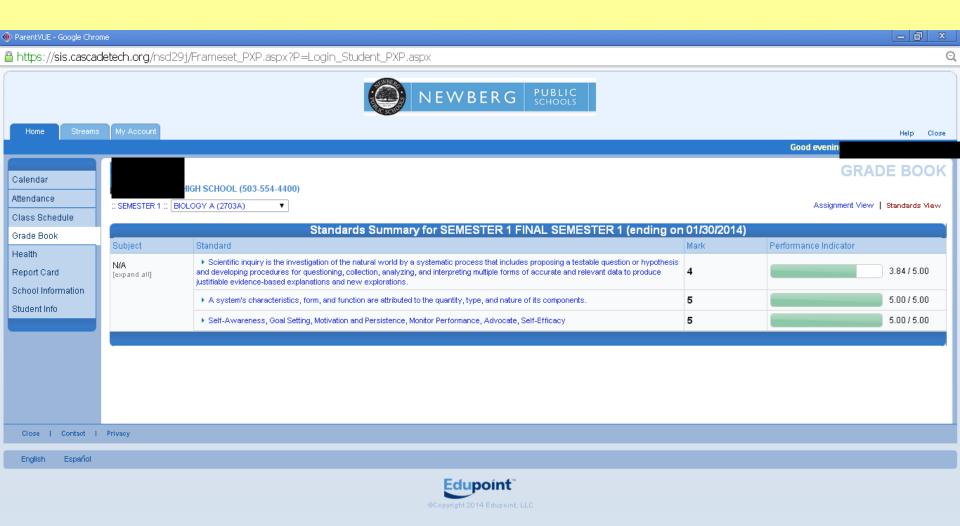








Standards View - Science

















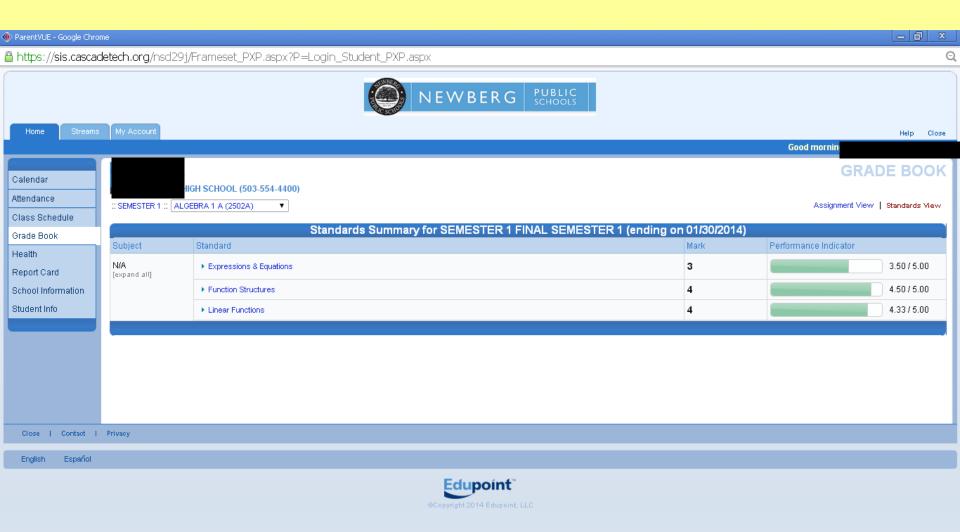








Standards View - Math















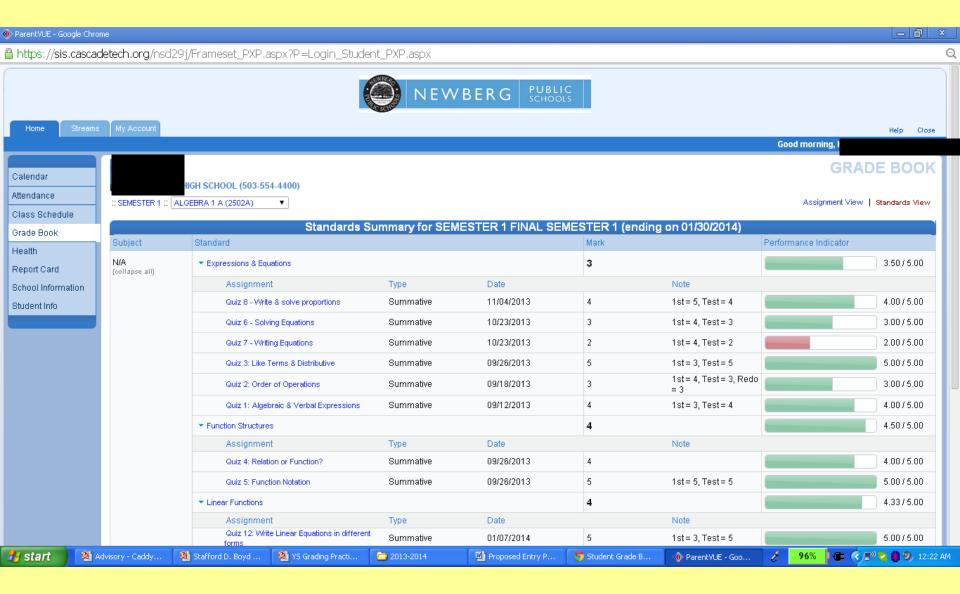








<u>Standards View – Math Expanded</u>



Social Studies: Planning

- Standards categories
- Clear learning targets (I can...)
- Student progress tracking
- Tie lessons to targets
- Pre-assessment (Study-guide)
- Create summative assessment
- Clear rubrics up-front
- Student work exemplars: proficient/mastery





Historical Content Knowledge Standard:

HS.9. Identify historical events, issues, and problems when national interests and global interest have been in conflict, and analyze the values and arguments on both sides of the conflict.

Text Chapter 23: World War II

Essential Question: Why was there another global conflict so soon after World War One?

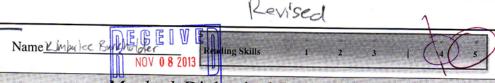
Unit	Content Objective: <i>I can</i>	PA	F1	F2
1	Explain the political, social, and economic factors that led to the outbreak of war. - Japanese militarism - Totalitarian regimes in Europe - The role of the League of Nations - Policy of appeasement, the Munich Pact, and U.S. Neutrality - Political stance of global leaders (USA, GB, France, USSR)			
2	 Explain the motives and role that Germany played in starting the war. non-aggression treaty with USSR Hitler's idea of <i>Lebensraum</i>, use of <i>Blitzkrieg</i>, Nazi takeover of Eastern Europe, the Nazi takeover or France and key battles with the Allies 			
3	 Explain the foreign policy of the United States at the outbreak of WWII and the factors that cause the US to mobilize for war. Atlantic Charter Motives for and reaction for the attack on Pearl Harbor Describe the mobilization for war in the US economy/society 			

<u>Language Arts – Instructional Cycle</u>

- Learning Expectations Communicated
- Collaborative Work
 - With Accountability Checks
- Individual Work
- Completion Checks
- Evaluation Conference







Macbeth Dialectical Journal Rubric

A

CCRL.2: Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze in detail its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details...

Demonstrates Mastery



Describes the larger importance of the theme or pattern to text's audience or central message.

Uses multiple quotations effectively as evidence.



Demonstrates Proficiency

- Identifies and sufficiently describes a theme or pattern that emerges from the text
- Records and explains relevant details that define the selected theme or pattern
 Inadequately describes the larger importance of a theme or pattern to the text's
- audience or central message
- Uses one quotation effectively as evidence

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CCRL.3: Analyze how complex characters (e.g., those with multiple or conflicting motivations) develop over the course of a text...

Demonstrates Mastery

Clearly identifies and describes an important perspective or motivation in a central character Records relevant details and nuances that shape or define a central character

Records relevant details and nuances that shape or define a central character

Describes the larger importance and implications of your observation to the audience

Uses multiple quotations effectively as evidence.



Demonstrates Proficiency

- Identifies and sufficiently describes an important perspective or motivation in a central character
- Records and explains relevant details that define or distinguish a central character
 Uses one quotation effectively as evidence

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CCRL.4: Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in the text, including figurative and connotative meanings...

Demonstrates Mastery

Clearly identifies and describes the figurative and connotative importance of a word that expresses or defines an important idea, emotion, or effect of a text.

Uses multiple quotations effectively as evidence.



Demonstrates Proficiency

- Clearly identifies and describes the figurative importance of a word that expresses
 or defines an important idea, emotion, or effect of a text.
- Uses one quotation effectively as evidence

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CCRL.6: Analyze a particular point of view or cultural experience reflected in a work of literature...



Demonstrates Mastery

- Clearly identifies and describes how a cultural group, social class, gender, or other group of people is portrayed or generalized by implication in a text.
- Identifies and describes both positive and negative traits or characteristics implied by the text

 Uses multiple quotations effectively as evidence.



Demonstrates Proficiency

- Clearly identifies and describes how a cultural group, social class, gender, or other group of people is portrayed or generalized by implication in a text.
- Uses one quotation effectively as evidence

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CCRL-7: Analyze the representation of a subject or a key scene in two different artistic mediums.

Demonstrates Mastery

- Clearly identifies key traits or themes that are present in both mediums
- Describes in detail the limitations and advantages that of each medium in addressing the key traits or themes.
- Includes images of the relevant excerpts or renditions for comparison.

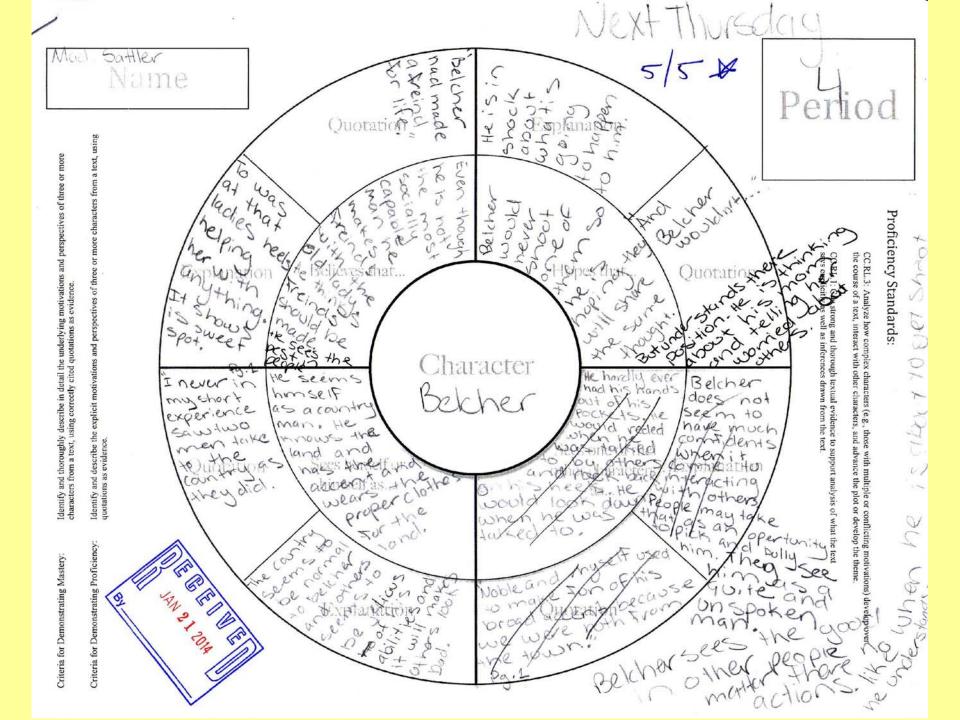


Demonstrates Proficiency

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Science: Communication & Objectives

- Clarify learning objectives & expectations
- Personalized feedback
- Multiple opportunities
 - On timeline



- Students communicate grade beyond a letter
- Address student learning techniques
 - Self-score formative assessment
 - Track learning



Life Science Standards

<u>H.1</u> A system's characteristics, form, and function are attributed to the quantity, type, and nature of its components. <u>HS-LS1-1</u> Construct an explanation based on evidence for how the structure of DNA determines the structure of proteins which carry out the essential functions of life through systems of specialized cells.

HS-LS3-1 Ask questions to clarify relationships about the role of DNA and chromosomes in coding the instructions for characteristic traits passed from parents to offspring.

Essential Question

Why do I look like my parents? OR Why do I not look like my parents?

Track your understanding of cellular processes.

Objective #	Objective (I can)		Progress (shade this in)	
1	Draw/label the double helix, four bases, and phosphate/sugar backbone of DNA.	Starting	Getting there	Got it!!
2	Explain and model the process and function of DNA Replication.	Starting	Getting there	Got it!!
3	Explain the differences between DNA and RNA.	Starting	Getting there	Got it!!
4	Explain and model the process of Protein Synthesis. {making proteins}	Starting	Getting there	Got it!!

Math: Unit Sequence

- Assignment/Learning Tracker
- Assignments and Learning students rate, teacher rates
- Quizzes 1st opportunity to show understanding and skill
- Student files quiz after it has been scored
- Unit assessment 2nd opportunity to show understanding and skill
- Unit reflection and evaluation
- File assessment, reflection and tracker
- Dates set for re-assessment
- Mandatory practice
- Re-assessment 3rd opportunity to show understanding and skill



Quiz 4: Interpret and Solve Application Exercise

Exercise number	Right	Wrong	Small Error	Don't Get it	Level of und 1 2
1					Was I able to sol
2					Did I look at my a
3					problem I was so
What do the	e directions	s tell me to	do?		Did I check mv a

Level of understanding my work shows:
1 2 3 4 5

Was I able to solve and get an answer?

Did I look at my answer and see if it made sense for the problem I was solving?

Did I check my answers?

Was I able to write 2 equations for each exercise?

Do I need to be re-assessed on this learning target? YES NO

If I could go back in time I would have done these two things so I would have been better prepared for the test:

- 1.
- 2.

Continued Challenges - Teachers

- Creating "Mastery Assessments"
- Understanding performance levels
 - **-** %s
 - Learning target specific
- Managing multiple opportunities
- Integrating student reflection: Time!
- Articulating Standards
 - Knowledge & Skill



Continued Challenges - Admin

- Assessment: Quality & Sufficiency
- What is Mastery?
- Variation in Teaching Practice
 - Consistency: What & How?
- Rigor: Value vs. Fairness
- Whole H.S.? District?



KISS 2.0 – "Simplexity"

- Few ambitious goals
- Key factors
- Coherent strategy
- Gel with large groups of people
- Ready, Fire, Aim!
 - Stay focused and make adjustments





Life uses processes we find hard to tolerate and difficult to believe in—
mess upon mess until something workable emerges.
It takes a lot of repeated mess to get it right.

-- Margaret Wheatley



Ensuring our kids KNOW how to and CAN "pack parachutes" before jumping to:

- College & Careers
- Community Participation
- Continued Learning

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