

Trimester Reporting Periods at Elementary Level

The reporting periods at the elementary level have changed for the 2010-2011 school year. Instead of the traditional quarterly reporting system whereby students receive four report cards during the year, the District has implemented a trimester reporting system with three reports cards being distributed over the span of the school year. Specific details regarding the trimester calendar are as follows:

- Each trimester will be approximately 12 weeks in length.
- Students will receive three report cards per year; one in December, March and June.
- The trimester calendar will be followed in the elementary schools only.
- The required daily minutes dedicated to instruction will not change.
- There will continue to be two opportunities for Parent-Teacher conferences; one prior to the conclusion of the first trimester and one prior to the conclusion of the second trimester.
- Students will receive grades in art, music, library and physical education every trimester instead of twice per year.
- By expanding the length of a marking period, teachers will be provided with additional time to better understand each student's needs and provide necessary instructional enhancements or interventions before issuing report cards.

Important Dates:

10/19	Elementary Interim Progress Reports Mailed
12/10	End of Elementary 1 st Trimester
12/15	Elementary Report Cards Issued
1/26	Elementary Interim Progress Reports Mailed
3/14	End of Elementary 2 nd Trimester
3/23	Elementary Report Cards Issued
5/3	Elementary Interim Progress Reports Mailed
6/16	End of Elementary 3 rd Trimester
6/23	Elementary Report Cards Issued

After garnering feedback from parents, teachers, administrators and the school board, there was overwhelming support for moving to trimester grading periods. All groups believed this change would enhance our strong academic programs. Please contact your school principal or the office of the Assistant Superintendent at 610-497-6300 ext. 1314 with any questions. Thank you.