

Dear Olympus Parents,

We are excited as a Math Department to be implementing Proficiency Based Grading. Below is a general explanation on how our department will be using the new grading system.

PROFICIENCY GRADING:

1 – 1.9 ~ Below Proficient 2 – 2.9 ~ Approaching Proficient 3 – 3.5 ~ Proficient 3.6 – 4 ~ Highly Proficient

For Proficiency Grading, standards assessed in class will be assessed three times. The first assessment will count for 12% of the final grade on the standard, the second assessment will count for 23% of the final grade, and the third assessment will count for 65% of the final grade on the given standard. The first and second assessments will be formative assessments and will vary from standard to standard on what the assessment will include. The third assessment will be a summative quiz.

- ★ *Only assessments will go toward your child's grade however homework will still often be assigned to give kids the opportunity to practice math concepts so that they can be successful on the assessments. These assignments will not go toward their grade but will just serve as a resource. If a student wishes to be successful this year, they should expect to be doing these assignments regularly and we hope that you will also encourage your child to take advantage of these practice assignments.*

- **FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT:**

Assessments given in class that will help the students prepare for the final assessment. Examples may include, in-class activities, mini-quizzes, exit tickets, class notes, etc. Students will be expected to participate, follow directions, show their work, and stay focused on the task assigned. Tasks may include a review worksheet or a practice sheet from a review game. Some may be used as a 1st or 2nd assessment on a standard.

- **SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENTS:**

A final quiz/test will be administered for standards studied in class as a 3rd and final assessment of that standard. A summative assessment provides the student the opportunity to demonstrate their progress of understanding and level of proficiency for the learning goal and standard taught in class.

- **ASSESSMENT RETAKES**

HOW TO RETAKE: Students will be assessed three times on standards studied in class and each assessment can be retaken and/or redone to demonstrate proficiency. The 1st and 2nd assessments will be formative assessments such as an in-class activity, exit ticket, math notes, etc. Any re-dos of these assessments **MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE 3RD ASSESSMENT IS ADMINISTERED. ONCE THE STUDENT HAS TAKEN THE 3RD ASSESSMENT, HE/SHE MAY NOT REDO THE 1ST OR 2ND ASSESSMENTS. The 3rd assessment will always be a summative quiz and can be retaken up until the end of the current quarter deadline.**

WHEN TO RETAKE THE THIRD ASSESSMENT: Retakes on 3rd assessments will only be offered after the student has shown evidence of re-learning the learning goals and standards associated with that quiz by completing a required assignment associated with the standard or another assignment supplied by your teacher. **Retakes will only be offered during Advisory Intervention time or by appointment at teacher's**

discretion. All 3rd Assessment retakes must be completed before the specified deadline at the end of each quarter. To be eligible for retaking a quiz a student must fill out a Retake form and be prepared to show the required evidence of what the student did to prepare for the retake.

Sincerely,

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