

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT  
GRADING/PROGRESS REPORTS TO PARENTS

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- GRADING POLICY
- A district shall adopt a grading policy, including provisions for the assignment of grades on class assignments and examinations, before each school year. A district grading policy:
1. Must require a classroom teacher to assign a grade that reflects the student's relative mastery of an assignment;
  2. May not require a classroom teacher to assign a minimum grade for an assignment without regard to the student's quality of work; and
  3. May allow a student a reasonable opportunity to make up or redo a class assignment or examination for which the student received a failing grade.

*Education Code 28.0216*

- FINALITY OF GRADE
- An examination or course grade issued by a classroom teacher is final and may not be changed unless the grade is arbitrary, erroneous, or not consistent with the district grading policy applicable to the grade, as determined by the board.

A determination by the board is not subject to appeal.

This subsection does not prohibit an appeal related to a student's eligibility to participate in extracurricular activities under Education Code 33.081.

*Education Code 28.0214*

- STUDENT ELECTION CLERKS
- A student who is appointed as a student election clerk under Election Code 32.0511, or as a student early voting clerk under Election Code 83.012, may apply the time served toward:

1. A requirement for a school project at the discretion of the teacher who assigned the project; or
2. A service requirement for participation in an advanced academic course program at the discretion of the program sponsor or a school-sponsored extracurricular activity at the discretion of the school sponsor.

*Education Code 33.092*

- PROGRESS REPORTS
- A board shall adopt a policy that:
1. Provides for a conference between parents and teachers;
  2. Requires a district, at least once every 12 weeks, to give written notice to a parent of a student's performance in each class or subject; and

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3. Requires a district, at least once every three weeks, or during the fourth week of each nine-week grading period, to give written notice to a parent if a student's performance in a foundation curriculum subject [see EHAA] is consistently unsatisfactory, as determined by the district.

The notice required by items 2 and 3 must provide for the signature of the student's parent and must be returned to the district.

A district that uses an electronic platform for communicating student grade and performance information to parents may permit a parent to sign a required notice electronically, so long as the district retains a record verifying the parent's acknowledgment of the required notice. A district that accepts electronic signatures must offer parents the option to provide a handwritten signature.

"Parent" includes a guardian, conservator, or other person having lawful control of a student.

EXCEPTIONS

These requirements do not apply to a student who:

1. Is 18 or older and living in a different residence than the student's parents;
2. Is married; or
3. Has had the disabilities of minority removed for general purposes.

*Education Code 28.022*

NOTICE OF  
PERFORMANCE  
RATING

The first written notice of a student's performance that a district gives during a school year under Education Code 28.022(a)(2) [see PROGRESS REPORTS, item 2, above] must include a statement of whether the campus at which the student is enrolled has been awarded a distinction designation under Education Code Chapter 39, Subchapter G or has been identified as an unacceptable campus under Education Code Chapter 39, Subchapter E and an explanation of the information's significance. [See AIB] *Education Code 39.361*

NOTICE OF STUDENT  
PERFORMANCE

The district shall provide a record of the comparisons of student performance made under Education Code 39.034 and provided to the district under Education Code 39.302 in a written notice to the student's parent or other person standing in parental relationship.

For a student who failed to perform satisfactorily as determined under either performance standard under Education Code 39.0241 on an assessment instrument administered under Education Code 39.023(a), (c), or (l), the district shall include in the notice specific information relating to access to educational resources at the

appropriate assessment instrument content level, including  
assessment instrument questions and answers released under  
Education Code 39.023(e).

*Education Code 39.303*