



This quarter, students who are not performing to their ability will receive a Progress Report. Student learning is a team effort: teacher, student, and parent. Please work with us to ensure your child's success.

Our PowerSchool Administrative Software Program allows parents to keep up to date with their children's progress. When you go to your child's page, you can see which assignments have been graded, which grades were low (teachers can attach notes to explain grades), and which graded assignments have not been turned in.

Grades are a guide to use to assess what skills have been learned. All students do not have the same abilities (just like all adults do not have the same abilities) and everyone cannot be expected to get all A's. If a student is getting average grades and working to his/her potential, you should celebrate that just as you would celebrate A's.

Parents should be checking PowerSchool frequently. You will know on a daily basis how your child is performing in school. You should have learned at Parent/Teacher Conferences if your child is performing up to his/her ability.

While modern technology (when used inappropriately) can cause problems, it is a powerful tool, especially in education. We are fortunate to have updated technology capabilities and it would be wasteful not to use it to its fullest.

In other areas of technology, we recently received a grant that will enable us to provide wireless access in the classrooms. The laptops will be on carts so teachers can bring them into the classroom (when not in use for computer class) for research and other classroom activities. We are in the process of going to fiber optics for our internet access to improve the ability for multiple computers to be online at once. For the future, it would be ideal for each classroom (at least in grades 4 – 8) to have their own laptops in class as there is more and more available online to enhance and support student learning.