

Third Grade Overview

Mathematics

In third grade, standards focus around these areas: Operations and Algebraic Thinking, Number and Operations in Base Ten, Numbers and Operations-Fractions, Measurement and Data, and Geometry. Students will:

- memorize the times table up to 10 x 10
- develop an understanding of multiplication and division and learn to fluently multiply and divide within 100
- solve problems involving four operations, and identify and explain patterns in arithmetic
- use place value to and properties of operations to perform multi-digit arithmetic
- understand fractions as numbers with relative sizes to the whole
- learn the concepts of area and perimeter; measure and estimate liquid volumes and masses of objects using standard units of grams, kilograms and liters
- draw scaled picture and bar graphs to represent data
- understand and categorize shapes by their attributes; partition shapes into equal areas (fractions)

To see all the third grade math standards, go to: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/be/st/ss/documents/ccssmathstandardsaug2013.pdf>

Language Arts

In third grade, students will build important reading, writing, speaking and listening, and language skills. They will think, talk, and write about what they read. Student will read a variety of text including articles, books, and other sources. Students will:

- read stories and describe how a story teaches a lesson
- describe characters in a story and how their actions contributed to the events
- read texts about history, science, and answer questions about what they learned
- refer to information in maps or pictures as well as written words in a text
- produce focused, organized and editing pieces

of writing

- write narrative, informative/ explanatory, and narrative pieces
- gather information from books, articles, and online sources to build understanding of a topic
- give presentations on a topic or telling a story using relevant facts and details
- participate in collaborative conversations with peers

To see all the third grade language arts standards, go to: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/be/st/ss/documents/finalelaccsstandards.pdf>

HOW CAN I TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE NEW REPORT CARD TO HELP MY CHILD?

Standards-based report cards provide detailed information about how your child is doing in each subject. You will see whether students need extra assistance in certain areas or when they need to be challenged even more. By using these clearly defined standards, teachers and parents can work together to ensure that students succeed.

During parent-teacher conferences, ask to see samples of your child's work. Talk to his or her teacher about whether the work samples are satisfactory, or how your child could have done a better job on the assignments. Ask how you can help your child improve or excel in various subjects and what resources are available to use outside the classroom to encourage his or her progress.

The California Parent Teacher Association has created a "Parents' Guide to Student Success" for each grade level that offers specific tips for how to support your child's learning at home.

To see these guides, go to: <http://www.capta.org/sections/programs/e-standards.cfm>.



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A Parent's Guide: Standards- Based Report Cards

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE NEW STANDARDS-BASED REPORT CARDS

WHAT ARE THE NEW COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS?

In 2012, California joined the majority of states to adopt a shared set of national learning expectations in mathematics and reading language arts — the Common Core State Standards. For other subjects such as science, social science, health, the arts and PE, state standards are used to determine students' proficiency.

Academic content standards indicate what students should know and be able to do at each grade level by the end of the school year. All the standards can be found online at:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/be/st/ss/index.asp>

HOW ARE STANDARDS-BASED REPORT CARDS DIFFERENT FROM TRADITIONAL REPORT CARDS?

On many traditional report cards, students receive one grade for reading and one grade for math. On a standards-based report card, each of these subject areas is divided into a list of skills and knowledge that students are responsible for learning. Students receive a separate mark for each standard.

The achievement marks indicate a child's progress toward meeting specific grade-level standards. The student's proficiency is reported separately from his or her effort.

With the new standards-based reporting system, students are evaluated more objectively according to consistent grade-level standards. The grades are based on the student's effort and achievement towards grade-level standards.

HOW DOES THE NEW REPORT CARD MEASURE MY CHILD'S PROGRESS?

The new report card will use four different numbers to indicate a child's progress toward meeting the end-of-year grade-level California Common Core State standards. The table to the right offers a detailed explanation of what each symbol means.

Students are also given effort grades to share their progress toward work habits and skills required to be successful in the 21st century.

Students may receive a mark to indicate that the curriculum related to a particular standard has not yet been taught or assessed during the trimester.

EFFORT GRADING

O = Outstanding
Indicates the student is consistently exceeding expectations
S = Satisfactory
Indicates the student regularly meets grade level expectations
I – Improving
Indicates the student is making progress towards grade level expectations
U = Unsatisfactory
Indicates the student does not meet grade level expectations

4 Standards Exceeded

- The student has exceeded the achievement standard and demonstrates advanced progress toward mastery of the knowledge and skills needed for likely success in future coursework.

3 Standards Met

- The student has met the achievement standard and demonstrates advanced progress toward mastery of the knowledge and skills needed for likely success in future coursework.

2 Standards Nearly Met

- The student has nearly met the achievement standard and may require further development to demonstrate the knowledge and skills needed for likely success in future coursework.

1 Standards Not Met

- The student has not met the achievement standard and needs substantial improvement to demonstrate the knowledge and skills needed for likely success in future coursework.