

Third Grade Q&A For Grade Level Assessment and Grading Practices

Learning Progression (not based on percentages)

1	2	3	4
<p>A student performing below grade level standard for the standard being assessed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A child who is working on mastering the building blocks that will eventually lead to success at level “2” or higher would receive a score of a “1” • Children at this level still require heavy teacher support to complete grade level tasks 	<p>A student progressing towards meeting the third-grade level standard being assessed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A child who receives a score of “2” on an assessment is working with scaffolded concepts that show the student is “progressing toward the standard” or they still require teacher assistance in order to meet the standard expectations 	<p>A student meeting the third-grade level expectations for the standard being assessed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A child who receives a score of “3” on an assessment has demonstrated the understanding or skill necessary to “meet the standard” • <i>The goal is for all children to demonstrate proficiency which is described as the level “3” learning target</i> 	<p>A student exceeding the standard being assessed and third-grade level expectations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In order for a child to receive a score of “4” on an assessment, a child must meet the level 3 learning target and also demonstrate application of more complex concepts • A child who received a grade of a 4 can produce work that shows in-depth understanding of the grade level concepts

What determines level 3 and level 4 questions?

- Level 4 questions show not only if your child is meeting the grade level expectations, but if their knowledge goes beyond the standard

How do I know if my assessment has a level 4 question embedded?

- Level 4 questions will be attached to math unit assessments and labeled “challenge question”
- Level 4 questions are at the bottom of the quizzes and usually in the form of short answer, so students can explain their thinking
- It will be notated in ParentVue in the description section if a level 4 question has been embedded on an assessment

What is a quality example of a level 4 question?

- Example 1: Using the digits 1, 3, 5, write the numbers you can round to 200 when rounded to the nearest hundred.
- Example 2: What is the largest number you can make that is less than 518,600 but greater than 518,300?

What is the frequency of assessments?/Will parents/students be notified when assessments will occur?

- Quizzes, exit tickets, etc.
 - Parents and students will be notified of the weekly content being taught in class on the week ahead and should assume a quiz of some form testing this knowledge could occur during that window of instruction
 - Quizzes will be given on average every week for each subject
- Unit Assessments
 - Unit test dates will be given at least seven days prior to the assessment date
 - Online review games for units will be available on google classroom for additional review
 - Unit assessments will be given at the end of every unit (on average every 2-3 weeks)

Are weekly word study assessments being sent home on a weekly basis?

- All assessment grades will be sent home in your child's Friday Folder the week after the assessment has occurred

Are there study guides provided to students for assessments?

- Study guides will be attached to the weekly email/update at least seven days prior to assessment dates

How do I access my child's assessment to determine deficiencies?

- Paper quizzes
 - Have correct answers marked to show you how your child is performing and what needs to be reviewed at home
- Power Test assessments
 - Level 4 questions will be attached to grade sheets and mark correct or incorrect
 - Grades will be given by standard so proper remediation can be provided to each student
 - On the exam sheet, answers with dash marks will denote a Technology Enhanced Question, that may have more than 1 answer. For further confirmation, please contact the teacher.

How frequently are grades being updated on ParentVue?

- Grades will be uploaded weekly or bi-weekly

Will diagnostic (pretests/benchmarks) be sent home to parents?

- Diagnostic scores will be available on ParentVue for parent review
 - Any questions regarding these assessments can be answered by your child's teacher

Project Based Learning Assessments

How are project based learning experiences assessed?

- PBL experiences are assessed through a variety of assessments and in-class observations
 - Examples: quizzes, exit tickets, google sides, research pages and unit assessments

Are rubrics being provided to students for when students are being assessed with a Project Based Assessment?

- Rubrics will be provided for PBL projects to students

Are Project Based Assessments sent home for parent review?

- All assessment grades will be sent home in your child's Friday Folder the week after the assessment has occurred

Are standards being explained to parents within the Project Based Assessment?

- Virginia standards being taught within a PBL project will be explained on weekly email/update to ensure parent understanding

Do our classrooms include traditional and nontraditional grading tools?

- Students will be assessed through a variety of traditional and nontraditional grading tools as well as classroom observations

Are students given a group grade during their Project Based Learning Experience?

- Behaviors are assessed (i.e.- collaboration), but academic mastery is only assessed on an individual basis
- Each standard is assessed individually