

DELTA PILOT PROJECT

Communicating Student Learning Template (Report Card)



WHY A NEW REPORT CARD?

This new template was developed for a number of reasons:

- BC Curriculum has changed to be more competency (ability/skills) focused
- Many Delta teachers feel current report card doesn't align with new teaching practices
- Research tells us that student learning increases when given written comments about what they are able to do and what they need to focus on next—rather than percentages and letters.

HOW WAS THIS TEMPLATE DEVELOPED?

A team of 40+ Delta teachers, school administrators and district staff met over the spring of 2016 to examine a range of reporting templates from other BC districts and to build one that aligns with what we know about student learning and the new BC Curriculum.



WHAT IS THE SAME?

We know that literacy and numeracy (math) are important skills for student success in school and life. The front page provides evaluative information (the rating scales) and written comments on specific (abilities) skills within literacy (reading, writing, listening and speaking) and math (understanding, problem solving, reasoning and communicating).

WHAT IS NEW?

Student Voice: the template opens with thoughts from your student about where they are in their learning, and where they want to grow.

Learning Strands: the second page is built around three 'Learning Strands' (Health and Well-being, Investigate and Explore, Design and Create). These 3 Strands capture the important skills of the BC Curriculum and give parents information about how their student is doing at developing these skills.



WHERE ARE THE LETTER GRADES IN GRADE 4-7?

Currently, letter grades are only on the final term report for grades 4-7. Our belief is that this new report card system shares in-depth information about different areas of student learning, more than what can be captured in just one letter grade. Year-end final grades are not just an average of the Learning Strand indicators from terms 1-3, but are also based on evidence of student learning consistently demonstrated over the course of the year.

WHERE ARE THE SUBJECT AREAS?

Outside of literacy and math, the rest of the school subjects are also discussed in the 'Learning Strands'. Parents can expect information about their child's learning in science, social studies, art education, etc through the comments under each strand. Designing the report card this way focuses on the important skills in each subject area, while allowing teachers to combine subjects and go deeper into different topics where appropriate.

