



GRADING AT DLMS

Detroit Lakes Middle School teachers use Minnesota Academic Standards for the content taught in their class and grade student's achievement of standards based on the following **proficiency scale**:

- 4 = Exceeds Standards/Exemplary**
- 3 = Meets Standards**
- 2 = Partially Meets Standards**
- 1 = Does Not Meet Standards**
- 0 = No Evidence**

No percentages are used as related to an "A, B, C, D, F" scale. There is no comparison in the new scale of "4, 3, 2, 1, 0" to the old "A-F" scale. The goal is to have grades that accurately reflect a student's achievement.

If your child has a 3 (M) or a 4 (E) on practice, formatives and summatives, they are doing a great job and are right where they need to be. In Skyward, if you click on the letter for each class, it will open up and show the assignments done in that class along with the grades for those assignments. Please click on the "bubble icon" by your child's assignments to view any comments from that teacher. *Students are expected to retake any formatives or summatives that do not Meet or Exceed Standards. The student and teacher will work together to arrange retakes.*

The grade on the 7th and 8th grade report card will be the standard based proficiency level average achieved. Sixth grade report cards will be by standard and no averaging or grade point average will be tabulated. In general, a grade must reflect an accurate measure of each student's level of achievement pertaining to established local, state, or national standards and the essential learning outcomes related to those standards.

For more information regarding grades, please see the student handbook or contact your child's teachers.