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PROPOSED REVISIONS

RELATION TO ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS	The District shall establish instructional objectives that relate to the essential knowledge and skills for grade-level subjects or courses. These objectives shall address the skills needed for successful performance in the next grade or next course in a sequence of courses.
	Assignments, tests, projects, classroom activities, and other in- structional activities shall be designed so that the student's perfor- mance indicates the level of mastery of the designated District ob- jectives. The student's mastery level shall be a major factor in determining the grade for a subject or course.
GUIDELINES FOR GRADING	The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that each campus or instructional level develops guidelines for teachers to follow in de- termining grades for students. These guidelines shall ensure that grading reflects a student's relative mastery of an assignment and that a sufficient number of grades are taken to support the grade average assigned. Guidelines for grading shall be clearly commu- nicated to students and parents.
	The District shall permit a student who meets the criteria detailed in the grading guidelines a reasonable opportunity to redo an assignment or retake a test for which the student received a failing grade.
	In accordance with grading guidelines, a student shall be permitted a reasonable opportunity to redo an assignment or retake a test for which the student received a failing grade.
END-OF-COURSE ASSESSMENTS	When required by state law, a student's score on the initial end-of- course (EOC) assessment shall count for 15 percent of the stu- dent's final grade for the course as reported on the student's tran- script.
<u>RETAKES</u>	If a student retakes an EOC assessment, the District will not in- clude the retake score in the final grade calculation for the course.
SPECIAL EDUCATION	A student's ARD committee shall determine the type of assessment to be administered and how the score on an EOC assessment shall be used for final course grades, credit decisions, and gradua- tion requirements.
GRADING	Calculation of grades with EOC assessment scores shall be in ac- cordance with the District's grading guidelines.

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	[See EIC for class rank provisions addressing end-of-course as- sessments. See EKB for further information regarding EOC as- sessments.]
PROGRESS REPORTING	Grade reports shall be issued every nine weeks for elementary students and every six weeks for secondary students on a form approved by the Superintendent or designee. Performance shall be measured in accordance with this policy and the standards es- tablished in EIE.
INTERIM REPORTS	Interim progress reports may be issued at the teacher's discretion; however, notice of a student's consistent unsatisfactory perfor- mance shall be issued in accordance with law.
CONFERENCES	In addition to conferences scheduled on the campus calendar, con- ferences may be requested by a teacher or parent as needed.
ACADEMIC DISHONESTY	Students found to have engaged in academic dishonesty shall be subject to grade penalties on assignments or tests and disciplinary penalties in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct. Aca- demic dishonesty includes cheating or copying the work of another student, plagiarism, and unauthorized communication between students during an examination. The determination that a student has engaged in academic dishonesty shall be based on the judg- ment of the classroom teacher or another supervising professional employee, taking into consideration written materials, observation, or information from students.