
For students in Grade 4, teachers report on the same subjects as students in Grades K to 3.

However, in Grade 4 most schools report using letter grades accompanied by comments.

For students in Grades 5, 6, and 7, teachers report on the same subjects as in K to 4.

However, starting in Grade 5, students study an additional language. In most cases that language is French.

Like Grade 4 reports, most students receive letter grades accompanied by comments.

For students in Grade 8, teachers report on the same subjects as students in Grades K to 7.

Starting in Grade 8, students can choose to study one of the following areas in Fine Arts: dance, drama, music, or visual arts. In addition, students choose a course in Applied Skills which can include Technology Education, Information Technology, Home Economics, or Business Education.

Letter grades are given in each subject each term.

For students in Grades 9 to 12, teachers report on all subjects. Teacher-counsellors ensure that students choose the subjects they will need to graduate. For students who wish to enter a specific post-secondary institution, teacher-counsellors make sure they select the necessary course requirements. For more information, please see brochure entitled **Graduation Requirements in BC**.



“Report Cards in BC”

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**Important
Information
Parents Need to
Know**

What are report cards?

Report cards are legal documents written by your child's teacher to describe your child's progress.

How often are report cards sent home?

Formal written reports are sent home three times a year. The exact dates vary from school to school. In addition, there are two informal reports. Informal reports can include:

- telephone calls;
- emails;
- student-led conferences;
- parent-teacher conferences; or
- notes in your child's agenda/planner.

What information is included in a report card?

Report cards provide parents with information about the academic progress of the child and a statement about the child's behaviour, work habits and effort. All report cards contain the following information:

- the name, address, and phone number of the school;
- the name of your child;
- the name(s) and signature(s) of the teacher(s) writing the report;
- the name and signature of the principal or vice-principal of the school;
- an explanation of what letter grades and work habit symbols mean;
- the number of days your child was late and absent from school;

- statements about your child's strengths and achievements;
- goals for future learning; and
- ways to support learning at home.

For students in Grades K to 7, parents keep the report card, but are asked to sign the report card envelope to acknowledge they have seen the report. These envelopes are then returned to the school and used again for the next reporting period.

What subjects do teachers report on?

Teachers are required to give letter grades and/or comments regarding a student's ability to meet grade level expectations in every subject.

Most subjects are reported on each reporting period. In Grades K to 3, progress is reported by comments only.

For students in Kindergarten, Grade 1, 2, and 3, teachers report on:

- English Language Arts (listening, speaking, reading, writing, viewing, and representing);
- Social Studies;
- Mathematics;
- Science;
- Physical Education;
- Fine Arts (dance, drama, music, and visual arts);
- Health and Career Education; and
- Daily Physical Activity.

