



BOYERTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office of Teaching and Learning

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

I hope everyone is excited for the end of the school year and the start of summer! Looking forward to next school year, I wanted to share some information about changes that are being made related to marking periods at the elementary level. The elementary schools will be transitioning to trimesters for reporting periods instead of quarterly reporting periods. As a result of this change, students in grades K-8 will operate in trimesters as the middle schools have successfully transitioned to trimesters this year.

The change to trimester reporting periods will allow teachers more time to accurately evaluate the progress of each child. Students will not be rushed into academic work at the beginning of the school year, but rather more time can be spent on establishing classroom routines and allowing students to be comfortable in their new learning environment. Reporting periods will also better align with parent-teacher conferences scheduled prior to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Specific Changes:

- Student report cards will be issued three times per year instead of four.
- Each reporting period will consist of approximately 60 days instead of 45 days. The initial trimester will be shortened by a few days to allow teachers time to prepare for the first trimester conferences.
- Student progress will continue to be monitored by the classroom teacher and BASD staff. The school team will contact parents if there is evidence of a student not making adequate progress. Parents are encouraged to contact teachers at any time throughout the trimester should any concerns arise.

Reporting Period Dates:

1st Trimester: August 27, 2018 - November 12, 2018

2nd Trimester: November 13, 2018 - February 26, 2019

3rd Trimester: February 27, 2019 - June 5, 2019

Sincerely,

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