

SPS Principles of Grading...A Filter for Our Work



<p><u>Spokane Principle 1 - Grades and Reports Should Be Based on Clearly Specified Learning Goals and Performance Standards</u></p> <p>All 2nd graders in Spokane Public Schools, no matter their school, will be graded using the same standards.</p>	<p><u>Spokane Principle 2 – Evidence Used for Grading Should Be Valid</u></p> <p>Students are assessed on what they are taught.</p> <p>There are no trick questions and no surprises.</p>	<p><u>Spokane Principle 3 – Grading Should Be Based on Established Criteria, Not on Arbitrary Norms</u></p> <p>On a math assessment, students are graded on the math standards assessed, not on arbitrary norms such as poor handwriting or no name on paper.</p>																														
<p><u>Spokane Principle 4 – Not Everything Should be Included in Grades</u></p> <p>Your children are not graded as they are learning the information, but after the learning has occurred.</p> <p>Students need to have enough “practice” in order to be successful in the “game.”</p> <p>Practice is learning time. (Formative – not graded).</p> <p>The game is to show what you know. (Summative – graded).</p>	<p><u>Spokane Principle 5 – Avoid Grading Based on (Mean) Averages</u></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Traditional: Mean</td> <td>Standards-Based: Mode</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Student 1</td> <td>Student 2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>91</td> <td>91</td> </tr> <tr> <td>91</td> <td>91</td> </tr> <tr> <td>91</td> <td>91</td> </tr> <tr> <td>91</td> <td>91</td> </tr> <tr> <td>91</td> <td>91</td> </tr> <tr> <td>91</td> <td>91</td> </tr> <tr> <td>91</td> <td>91</td> </tr> <tr> <td>70</td> <td>70</td> </tr> <tr> <td>91</td> <td>91</td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>91</u></td> <td><u>91</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>889</td> <td>91</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mean=88.9</td> <td>Mode=91</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Final grade = B</td> <td>Final grade = 4</td> </tr> </table>	Traditional: Mean	Standards-Based: Mode	Student 1	Student 2	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	70	70	91	91	<u>91</u>	<u>91</u>	889	91	Mean=88.9	Mode=91	Final grade = B	Final grade = 4	<p><u>Spokane Principle 6 - Focus on Achievement, and Report Other Factors Separately</u></p> <p>Students’ achievement should be the only aspect included in their grade.</p> <p>Students’ math grades will reflect their math achievement. However, their work habits and responsibilities during math will be reported separately.</p>
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