



**ROMEO
COMMUNITY
SCHOOLS**

Date: August 11, 2023
To: Secondary parents and students
From: RCS Grading Standards Committee
Re: Grading updates for 2023-2024

This past spring, the RCS Grading Standards Committee met to revisit the effectiveness and outcomes of the grading for learning standards for our secondary schools. These were last revised in the Spring of 2019. This committee is made up of parents, teachers, and administrators. Overall, the committee found portions of the learning standards did improve student learning. However, there were parts of the standards that were causing concern for teachers and parents. After several meetings, a teacher survey, deliberation and thought, the committee recommended the following changes to the grading for learning standards:

Beginning in the fall of 2023, the following updates will be made:

- The breakdown for grades will remain 80% Summative and 20% Other
- “Other” could include daily practice, homework, and formative practice. The option to retake anything in the “other” category will be under the teacher’s control.
- Academic dishonesty had been addressed within the code of conduct in the previous standards. Within these updates, it was added that cheating can impact a student’s grade.
- Summative retakes are at the teacher’s discretion beginning this fall. The retake score will be the one that is represented in the gradebook. Students should be prepared for all summative assessments. The committee heard from teachers and parents that students may have relied on the “one” retake and not study the first time around.

While these standards provide consistency, the committee felt there needed to be an opportunity for middle school to look different in the application of the standards. For many of our 6th graders this is the first time they will be receiving letter grades.

Building Administrators and Teachers will be communicating with students and families about the implementation of the all grading standards, especially the updated ones. The goal of the standards is to communicate the level of the student’s learning in a fair and accurate manner and the committee wants everyone to clearly understand the expectations.

The updated grading standards are attached below and can also be found on the Academics tab on the district website.

[Updated Grading Standards for Grades 6-12.](#)