

OVERVIEW OF CHANGES TO THE 2015-16 SPP&Gs

OVERALL DISTRICTWIDE

- Clarified Early Graduation Options (MS/HS)
- Added Standards Based Grading Descriptions aligning Letter Grade – Standards Grading – Grading Scale
- Changed Components of Grades: now “Engagement with standards” (Participation, etc.) no more than 20% of total grade; “Progression toward standard” (homework, etc.) no more than 30% of grade and “Master” (tests, etc.) no more than 70%
- Adds an overview of transition centers (MS/HS)
- Clarified and updated language across levels

HIGH SCHOOL ONLY

- High School Promotion and Progression
 - Clarified grade-12 math requirement (changed course to credit)
 - Updated Electives with the latest technology requirements including additional options
 - Added the Individual Graduation Plan waiver process
 - Added section about dual enrollment in state-wide residential college academies
- High School Grading and Transcripts
 - Updated “grade” options
 - Changed language about students who transfer during the senior year
- High School Student Supports
 - Removed Certificate of Initial Mastery
- Forms
 - Removed the Notice of Significant Change (available online)
 - Added Early Graduation Letter of Intent

MIDDLE SCHOOL ONLY

- Updated 21st Century Skills (Technology) test to be given to all 7th Graders
- Clarified grading and IEP progress for ECE students
- Removed the Notice of Significant Change form (available online)

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ONLY

- Changed grade reporting to 4 grading periods instead of 6
- Clarified what parents can do when student is not making progress
- Added directions for sending grades to other school when a student transfers in the district