

Reporting Student Achievement in ACT Public Schools

The ACT public school system has a tradition of excellence in education and is a national leader in the implementation of the Australian Curriculum. The introduction of the Australian Curriculum and the use of common Achievement Standards to measure children's learning has improved the already high levels of parent confidence in our schools. Reporting using the Achievement Standards will build on the ACT's strong tradition of providing families with detailed information on the progress of their children.

Under ACT and Commonwealth legislation and regulations all schools are required to provide written reports of student achievement twice a year to parents of students in Preschool to Year 12. In the past there have been school-based formats for students in preschool – Year 10. All Year 1-12 students are required to receive grades using an A-E scale.

In 2019 the Education Directorate are introducing a common report format, for students in Kindergarten to Year 10, through the new Student Administration System (SAS). This change will occur via a staged implementation process, with some schools piloting the new report format in Semester 1, 2019.

What is the same?

All reports to students from Kindergarten to Year 10 have always included and will continue to include the following information:

- academic achievement in relation to the prescribed ACT curriculum and associated achievement standards for each subject studied
 - for students in Kindergarten, a five-point scale is used to indicate academic achievement
 - for students in Years 1 to 10, a five-point A-E scale is used to indicate academic achievement
- for students in Years 1 -6, student effort in each learning area
- for students in Years 7-10, work habits in each learning area
- personal and social capabilities

A college-based format remains in place for students in Years 11 and 12 and is governed by the Board of Senior Secondary Studies (BSSS).

Preschool reports will continue to be provided using a school-based report format.

What is different?

Previously school-based reports have allowed schools to make decisions regarding the detail included against a learning area. For example some schools reported against English using the different strands e.g. writing, reading, viewing, listening and speaking. Whilst some other schools reported against English using school generated outcome statements.

The new system report format uses information directly from the subject area Achievement Standards outlined in the Australian Curriculum. Achievement Standards set the goal for what all students should learn as they progress through their school life. From the first year of schooling to Year 10, students develop knowledge and skills in eight learning areas:

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| ➤ English | ➤ The Arts |
| ➤ Mathematics | ➤ Technologies |
| ➤ Science | ➤ Languages |
| ➤ Health and Physical Education (HPE) | ➤ Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS) |
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Each learning areas contains content descriptions accompanied by **Achievement Standards** that describe what students will know and will be able to do as a result of teaching and learning in the classroom. Schools will select when they report against different sentences in the **Achievement Standard**. The new SAS generated report format will help ACT public schools to provide greater consistency when reporting student achievement to families.

The Australian Curriculum is accessible to all students and there is parent friendly information available via the following link <https://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/parent-information/>

In the ACT, student work at standard is considered a 'C' grade which indicates the student is on track and demonstrating achievement at the standard. A 'C' grade is to be celebrated.

Families will be provided with an opportunity to provide feedback in early term 3.

This is the template for the explanation page that appears at the beginning of all school reports. The contents and overall layout are part of the Directorate template which schools must use. Most of the wording is set in the template, except the areas indicated.

Schools write this section.

About this report

EXAMPLE - This report is designed to give a clear picture of your child's development and achievement in relation to play-based learning and the Australian Curriculum. Every student is unique, with different needs and interests. Teachers use the curriculum to plan in ways that respond to those needs and interests. The Australian Curriculum is flexible, allowing schools and teachers to personalise student learning.

Scale Overview

Your child's achievement for each subject is reported against the Australian Achievement Standards using the following five point scale:

A - Outstanding:	Demonstrating outstanding achievement of the standard
B - High:	Demonstrating a high achievement of the standard
C - At Standard:	Demonstrating achievement at the standard
D - Partial:	Demonstrating partial achievement of the standard
E - Limited:	Demonstrating limited achievement of the standard
S - Status:	Indicates that circumstances have prevented the student from being assessed against the individual achievement standard sentence, or there is insufficient evidence to award an overall grade

Comparison of student achievement in subject/key learning areas

The school's front office can provide you with a separate report containing A-E comparative data. This report will show the number of students in each of the achievement levels from A-E. This report will only be provided for cohort groups of greater than 10 students.

Plan (P) reference

A 'P' indicates that the student has been assessed against an adjusted curriculum based on their learning needs. Their learning sits outside the learning described in their equivalent year level achievement standards.

Personal and Social Capabilities and Habits

Your child's capabilities for social awareness and social management, self awareness and self management as well as work habits are reported using the following 4 point scale:

C - Consistently:	Consistently demonstrates the habit/capability
U - Usually:	Usually demonstrates the habit/capability
S - Sometimes:	Sometimes demonstrates the habit/capability
R - Rarely:	Rarely demonstrates the habit/capability

Attendance for 04/02/2019 - 05/07/2019

Whole Days Absent	0	Partial Days Absent	0
Explained Whole Days Absent	0	Explained Partial Days Absent	0
Unexplained Whole Days Absent	0	Unexplained Partial Days Absent	0

These sections are provided by the Directorate and detail how to read and understand different parts of the report.

This section provides information about the child's attendance and is filled based on school attendance records.

Schools may select to write this section to outline the work covered.

Mathematics

Grade: B

Schools can choose to include a short description of the course or work covered in the learning area. This is optional.

Amelia...

	Status	Limited	Partial	At Standard	High	Outstanding
Solves problems involving the comparison, addition and subtraction of integers				✓		
Makes the connections between whole numbers and index notation and the relationship between perfect squares and square roots					✓	
Solves problems involving percentages and all four operations with fractions and decimals				✓		
Compares the cost of items to make financial decisions						✓

Work Habits	R	S	U	C
Effort in Learning Area			✓	
Is punctual to class				✓
Works cooperatively		✓		
Completes and submits work on time			✓	
Respects others' right to learn				✓
Is appropriately prepared for lessons			✓	
Works independently			✓	

R = Rarely, S = Sometimes, U = Usually, C = Consistently

Teacher Comment

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Teacher: William Sheppard

This is the template for a learning area page. The overall layout is set in a Directorate template and includes a grade, description of the course or work covered, performance, an indication of student effort and teacher comment.

These descriptions of learning, Achievement Standards, come from the Australian Curriculum and must be reported against.

The Work Habits are set in the template. For high schools this is provided for each subject; in primary schools this is represented as effort in learning area per subject.

Teachers write this section.

On the final page of the report is the Personal and Social Capability table which is drawn from the General Capabilities in the Australian Curriculum.

Personal and Social Capability:

Social Awareness and Social Management	R	S	U	C
Demonstrates respect for others				✓
Appreciates different points of view			✓	
Develops respectful relationships		✓		
Collaborates with peers	✓			
Self-Awareness and Self-Management	R	S	U	C
Recognises and expresses emotions appropriately			✓	
Seeks assistance when required			✓	
Works towards learning goals			✓	
Manages time effectively			✓	
Works independently and shows initiative			✓	

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