

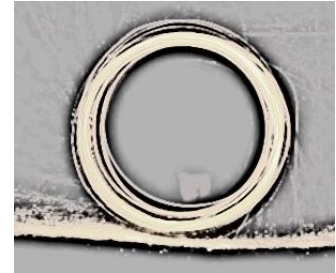
# Eliminating the Use of Zeroes From Grade Calculation

## Grading Practices For Families: Appropriate Calculation of Student Grades

To better serve your children, we are improving how we report student progress. To ensure accuracy of grades, we are eliminating the use of zeroes when student assignments or tests have not been turned in. This will help us more appropriately calculate your student's achievement, as we do not know their skill level when the work has not yet been submitted.

### What will you notice?

The flag of L for late will be used in the grade book instead of a zero. This will communicate to you and your student that the teacher does not have evidence of your student's progress in that area.



Submitting assignments on time is a critical life skill. However, punishing students by using a zero to mark missing assignments negatively affects motivation and communicates that the student is no longer invited to demonstrate their level of mastery. Zeroes also miscommunicate the level of student progress toward mastery of the academic content, distorting grades and making them less accurate/meaningful.

### Why did we make this shift?

When a score of zero is averaged with other scores, the true level of achievement for your child is no longer accurate. By taking this step, we can ensure student progress in academic content areas are being communicated in a way that is supportive of student learning.

### What can you expect?

Scores in the grade book flagged with an L indicate the teacher does not have evidence of the student's progress in that area. Support your child to submit this evidence in order for their teacher to report an accurate grade during the next reporting period.

