



HANCOCK COUNTY SCHOOLS

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To: Parents / Guardians of Kindergarten Students
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Subject: **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON NEW STANDARDS-BASED KINDERGARTEN REPORT CARD**

The Hancock County School District is pleased to share with you the expectations of what Kindergarten students need to know and be able to do by the end of this school year. The Kindergarten Standards-Based Report Card has been developed to reflect the grade level expectations provided by the State of West Virginia called Next Generation Content Standards and Objectives (NxGCSO's). This is an exciting step as we work to ensure that all students are successful at meeting grade-level standards. Although not every Kindergarten standard is listed, this new report card is designed to give you a detailed picture of your child's progress.

On the report card, you will know whether or not your child is at *mastery* – meaning that the child has consistently met grade-level standards, *partial mastery* – meaning that the child is approaching the standards, or *novice* – meaning that the child has not met the standards at this time. The report card also provides information on student work habits such as listening skills and social growth and development.

Since this is a mid-year report, it is reasonable to assume that many students will be at partial mastery in many areas. Achieving Mastery, Above Mastery, or Distinguished by the end of kindergarten will assure that each student has a successful start in first grade. (Please note that Mastery may be the highest level attainable for many skills.)

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress, please contact your child's school. For more information on the Kindergarten NxGCSO's, please visit www.hancockschools.org.

Thank you.

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Hancock County Schools' mission is to afford all students the academic and social skills necessary to become productive members of society.