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[A Handbook for Personalized Competency-Based Education](#) ASCD

The time for grading reform is now. While the transition to standards-based practices may be challenging, it is essential for effective instruction and assessment. In this practical guide, the author outlines specific steps your team can take to transform grading and reporting schoolwide. Each chapter includes examples of grading dilemmas, vignettes from teachers and administrators, and ideas for bringing parents on board with change.

[Grading for Equity](#) ASCD

Differentiated instruction is a nice idea, but what happens when it comes to assessing and grading students? What's both fair and leads to real student learning? Fair Isn't Always Equal answers that question and much more. Rick Wormeli offers the latest research and common sense thinking that teachers and administrators seek when it comes to assessment and grading in differentiated classes. Filled with real examples and "gray" areas that middle and high school educators will easily recognize, Rick tackles important and sometimes controversial assessment and grading issues constructively. The book covers high-level concepts, ranging from "rationale for differentiating assessment and grading" to "understanding mastery" as well as the nitty-gritty details of grading and assessment, such as: whether to incorporate effort, attendance, and behavior into academic grades; whether to grade homework; setting up grade books and report cards to reflect differentiated practices; principles of successful assessment; how to create useful and fair test questions, including how to grade such prompts efficiently; whether to allow students to re-do assessments for full credit. This thorough and practical guide also includes a special section for teacher leaders that explores ways to support colleagues as they move toward successful assessment and grading practices for differentiated classrooms.

[Meeting Physical Education Standards Through Meaningful Assessment](#) Marzano Resources

Annotation In K-12 education's growing movement of competency-based education and personalized learning, both contradictory and overlapping definitions come up around these two terms. To clear up this confusion, *A Handbook for Personalized Competency-Based Education* by Robert J. Marzano, Jennifer S. Norford, Michelle Finn, and Douglas Finn III and contributors Rebecca Mestaz and Roberta Selleck delves into the components of a personalized competency-based education system. It reckons with the need to establish shared meanings for these terms, resulting in an inclusive definition of the terms, which the authors call personalized competency-based education (PCBE), and a clear implementation approach for a PCBE system. Once that term is in place, this handbook explores considerations, approaches, and strategies that educators should survey as they design PCBE systems that can help ensure students' content mastery.

[How to Grade for Learning](#) Corwin Press

In *How's My Kid Doing?* noted educator Thomas R. Guskey has created a practical handbook for parents who have trouble understanding their school-age children's grades, report cards, and test scores. This down-to-earth guide will help parents make sense of school reports and offers a helpful resource that can open communications between parents and teachers.

[Proficiency Scales for the New Science Standards](#) Corwin Press

By Chad Ostrowski, Tiffany Ott, Rae Hughart, Jeff Gargas The Teach Better mindset is all about your commitment to be your best self and reach your students in more meaningful ways than you ever imagined. Members of the Teach Better team share their personal journeys as well as stories from other educators who share a vision to be better every day.

[Learning Personalized](#) Solution Tree Press

In order to make grading and reporting practices more meaningful and appropriate, schools must design core instruction to reflect both academic standards and specific academic and behavioral

targets that clearly indicate what students must know and what they must be able to do. The authors' experience shows that taking this approach positively impacts teaching and learning. This six-page, quick-reference laminated guide is designed to help schools move beyond standards to target-based grading and reporting. In 13 clear steps, it walks collaborative teams through the process of: Prioritizing standards and breaking them into specific learning targets; Creating assessments that accurately measure the relevant standards and learning targets; Designing and delivering instruction that specifically addresses learning targets; Administering and analyzing assessments; Reassessing when there is evidence of new learning; Reporting proficiency levels against learning targets using a summative scoring rubric. The guide includes examples of proficiency scales, proficiency targets, progress trackers, and summative rubrics.

[Testing, Teaching, and Learning](#) Wac Clearinghouse

Implement standards-based grading practices that help students succeed! Classroom assessment methods should help students develop to their full potential, but meshing traditional grading practices with students' achievement on standards has been difficult. Making lasting changes to grading practices requires both knowledge and willpower. Discover eight guidelines for good grading, recommendations for practical applications, and suggestions for implementing new grading practices as well as: ? The why's and the how-to's of implementing standards-based grading practices ? Tips from 48 nationally and internationally known authors and consultants ? Additional information on utilizing level scores rather than percentages ? Reflective exercises ? Techniques for managing grading more efficiently

[A School Leader's Guide to Standards-Based Grading](#) Solution Tree

Beyond Standards highlights the structural conditions that have undermined the success of the standards movement and challenges us to confront them. The book offers an impassioned argument about the ways that our decentralized educational systems undermine the pursuit of educational equity and excellence. Morgan Polikoff applies a wide array of quantitative and qualitative data to provide a pointed critique of the US educational system. He addresses why standards have failed, whether standards-based reform can be salvaged, and what we can do to improve teaching and learning at scale across America's 13,000 school districts. Polikoff argues that no amount of tinkering can fix standards. Rather, we need to tackle the big, structural issues, such as decentralization. The author identifies curriculum reform as a high-leverage strategy for making meaningful progress at scale and emphasizes that states need to play a greater role in evaluating and recommending high-quality curriculum materials. Beyond Standards proposes a new, progressive vision that emphasizes the central role of states in challenging the antiquated, segregating structures that have thwarted educational improvement.

[Standards-Based Grading](#) National Academies Press

Learn how to overcome the knowing-doing gap in standards-based learning systems, and move toward unpacking the standards and learning targets your students need.

[Implementing Standards-based Grading: Elementary Teachers' Beliefs, Practices and Concerns](#) ASCD

Get to know which practices related to curriculum, instruction, and assessment are essential to make learning the goal for every student! You'll learn how to Create learning targets that are scalable and transferable within and across units Develop instructional scales for each learning target Design non-scored practice activities and assessments Introduce and model skills that will be assessed and design tasks that allow students to use these skills Differentiate instruction and activities based on data from various types of assessments Maintain a gradebook that tracks summative achievement of learning targets, and score assessments accordingly Communicate progress clearly and efficiently with students and families

[Formative Assessment & Standards-Based Grading](#) Corwin Press

Research has revealed grading methods to be inconsistent. Most teachers lack knowledge and

training in research-based grading and reporting procedures. Many schools, including St. John's Lutheran School, are using outdated grading and reporting methods that do not correlate with the new Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and assessment practices. This project explores the faulty beliefs behind traditional grading methods and delves into the new method of standards-based grading. The standards-based grading method and report cards are being created to align with the CCSS instruction and assessment practices, and overall, provide a more consistent schooling experience for all students. Grades will no longer include a hodgepodge of outside factors such as behavior, effort, and participation mixed in with the academic performance. Instead, with the use of standards-based grading, grades will provide an accurate portrayal of what objectives students know and understand at the time of evaluation.

[Standards-based Activities and Assessments for the Differentiated Classroom](#) Harvard Education Press

Describes fifteen strategies for grading practices that recognize student learning and achievement and are consistent, accurate, and aligned with school or district standards.

Stenhouse Publishers

Formative Assessment & Standards-Based Grading Solution Tree Press

A Repair Kit for Grading New Art and Science of Teaching

This study examined perceptions of administrators and teachers at the secondary level regarding the transition to a standards-based grading and reporting system. The study focused on perceptions of central office administrators (1), building administrators (5), and teachers (65 from grades 6-12) who had been using a standards-based grading and reporting system for several years or were in the first year of implementation. Four research questions guided this qualitative study, and data were collected using three instruments: a survey, an open-ended questionnaire, and individual interviews. Results revealed the ability of standards-based grading to clearly identify students' strengths and weaknesses, allowing for adaptations to curriculum, instruction, and assessments according to student needs. Additionally, teachers changed some instructional practices to enhance student achievement and varied reporting methods to communicate student mastery within a standards-based system. Furthermore, time was essential for professional development, education of stakeholders, technology training, and for conversations about differences in philosophies pertaining to standards-based grading. Finally, participants agreed that the current traditional grading system did not adequately communicate student mastery; however, concerns were raised about the lack of support and congruence of the computerized grading program, lack of parental knowledge about standards-based grading, and lack of time to properly implement a standards-based system.

Target-Based Grading in Collaborative Teams: Solution Tree Press

Grading systems often reward on-time task completion and penalize disorganization and bad behavior. Despite our best intentions, grades seem to reflect student compliance more than student learning and engagement. In the process, we inadvertently subvert the learning process. After careful research and years of experiences with grading as a teacher and a parent, Cathy Vatterott examines and debunks traditional practices and policies of grading in K-12 schools. She offers a new paradigm for standards-based grading that focuses on student mastery of content and gives concrete examples from elementary, middle, and high schools. *Rethinking Grading* will show all educators how standards-based grading can authentically reflect student progress and learning—and significantly improve both teaching and learning. Cathy Vatterott is an education professor and researcher at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, a former middle school teacher and principal, and a parent of a college graduate. She has learned from her workshops that "grading continues to be the most contentious part . . . conjuring up the most intense emotions and heated disagreements." Vatterott is also the author of the book *Rethinking Homework: Best Practices That Support Diverse Needs*.

[Educating One and All](#) Corwin Press

When teachers adopt standards-based learning, students take ownership of their education and

achievement soars. Written specifically for K-12 teachers, this resource details a sequential approach for connecting curriculum, instruction, assessment methods, and feedback through standards-based education. The authors provide practical advice, real-world examples, and answers to frequently asked questions designed to support you through this important transition.

[Beyond Standards](#) Solution Tree

"Standards-based learning has been implemented into schools across the globe, yet it often does not receive the attention and hard work it needs to truly affect a student's learning. A Handbook for Implementing Standards-Based Learning is an all-encompassing Standards-Based Learning guide that authors Tammy Heflebower, Jan K. Hoegh, and Philip B. Warrick have written to help schools properly develop and implement a Standards-Based Learning curriculum. The Handbook explores five different phases of Standards-Based implementation, with specific steps and guidelines for processes such as developing the right curriculum, gathering and implementing feedback, and modifying the curriculum to ensure the best educational experience possible. This book is ideal for those who may wish to lead a Standards-Based reform in their school with in-depth processes for every step along the way. Standards-Based Learning is a great step forward for education, but it needs to be implemented correctly to make a difference"--

How's My Kid Doing? Formative Assessment & Standards-Based Grading

Asao B. Inoue argues for the use of labor-based grading contracts along with compassionate practices to determine course grades as a way to do social justice work with students.

[Making Grades Matter](#) ASCD

Grading is one of the most hotly debated topics in education, and grading practices themselves are largely based on tradition, instinct, or personal history or philosophy. But to be effective, grading policies and practices must be based on trustworthy research evidence. Enter this book: a review of 100-plus years of grading research that presents the broadest and most comprehensive summary of research on grading and reporting available to date, with clear takeaways for learning and teaching. Edited by Thomas R. Guskey and Susan M. Brookhart, this indispensable guide features thoughtful, thorough dives into the research from a distinguished team of scholars, geared to a broad range of stakeholders, including teachers, school leaders, policymakers, and researchers. Each chapter addresses a different area of grading research and describes how the major findings in that area might be leveraged to improve grading policy and practice. Ultimately, Guskey and Brookhart identify four themes emerging from the research that can guide these efforts: - Start with clear learning goals, - Focus on the feedback function of grades, - Limit the number of grade categories, and - Provide multiple grades that reflect product, process, and progress criteria. By distilling the vast body of research evidence into meaningful, actionable findings and strategies, this book is the jump-start all stakeholders need to build a better understanding of what works—and where to go from here.

[The New Art and Science of Classroom Assessment](#) Human Kinetics

State education departments and school districts face an important challenge in implementing a new law that requires disadvantaged students to be held to the same standards as other students. The new requirements come from provisions of the 1994 reauthorization of Title I, the largest federal effort in precollegiate education, which provides aid to "level the field" for disadvantaged students. *Testing, Teaching, and Learning* is written to help states and school districts comply with the new law, offering guidance for designing and implementing assessment and accountability systems. This book examines standards-based education reform and reviews the research on student assessment, focusing on the needs of disadvantaged students covered by Title I. With examples of states and districts that have track records in new systems, the committee develops a practical "decision framework" for education officials. The book explores how best to design assessment and accountability systems that support high levels of student learning and to work toward continuous improvement. *Testing, Teaching, and Learning* will be an important tool for all involved in educating disadvantaged students—state and local administrators and classroom teachers.

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