

CASS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- How do I check the progress of my student?
- How do I know if my student is doing well?
- How do I know if work is being completed?

Academic achievement has always been a cornerstone of our school district. As we transition to the 'next step in grading for a high achieving district' with standards based grading, we want to make sure that you are able to access information throughout the year regarding your student's progress.

Here are some hints to assist you in finding what you need to know in PowerSchool.

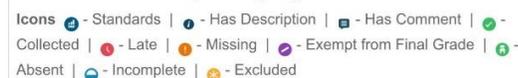
1. At this time, we do not recommend that you use the PowerSchool app. The app is not yet standards friendly and is difficult to navigate.
2. Use Safari or Chrome to go directly to the website <https://casd63.powerschool.com> using your phone or any device. Log in and navigate from there.

Here is step-by-step guidance for you in written form below and in a video tutorial, also.

[Click Here for Video](#)

Once you are logged into your PowerSchool account, please follow these steps:

- Click on 'grades and attendance'
- Now you will view your student's class schedule and teachers.
- Note in the columns next to the class names, some columns have an indicator in them that looks like this: [i]
- Click [i] to see the detailed assignments for that class.
- Next to the assignments, there is an area for flags (such as missing, late, etc.). The legend for the flags is at the bottom of your screen.



- At the far right of your screen, you could possibly see a comment about the assignment left by the teacher.

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- Now click the icon that looks like this . This allows you to view specific assignments, the standard assessed with that assignment and the score designated to that assignment.

CASS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADE SCALE				
Mastery	Progressing	Needs Improvement	Incomplete	Exceeds Mastery
A student who merits an M is one who has mastered the standards listed below.	A student who merits a P is one who is progressing toward the mastery of standards listed below.	A student who merits an NI is one who needs to improve in order to progress toward the standards listed below.	A student who merits an INC is one who has not completed the work in whole or in part necessary to assess progress on the standard(s).	A student who merits an EM is one who has exceeded expectations by outperforming the standards listed below.
M	P	NI	INC	EM

- If you would like to see all of the standards assessed for the class, simply click the "standards" tab at the top of the screen. Then click 'expand all' on the right hand side of the screen.

This information will remain available to you via this video on the district website. If you would like additional information regarding standards based grading in general, please review any of these materials:

Videos:

- TEDx - Standards-based Grading ([HERE](#))
- Rick Wormeli - Standards-based Grading ([HERE](#))
- Robert Marzano - Standards-based Grading ([HERE](#))

Articles:

- http://www.ascd.org/publications/educational_leadership/oct08/vol66/num02/Seven_Reasons_for_Standards-Based_Grading.aspx
- <https://www.amle.org/BrowsebyTopic/WhatsNew/WNDet/TabId/270/ArtMID/888/ArticleID/21/Its-Time-to-Stop-Averaging-Grades.aspx>

Thank you for your patience as we navigate this important change. Please continue to let us know, if we can provide any other guidance or information to you in regards to this topic.

Fondly,

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