

## **Anchorage School District**

### **Implementing a Standards-Based Reporting System: “The Train Has Left the Station”**

A standards-based report card is embedded in the elementary and middle school chapters of the Anchorage School District’s Board approved *Six-year Instructional Plan*. Since 2004-05, a Standards-Based Report Card (SBRC) committee examined research, compared a variety of standards-based, report card models and developed the essential components of an implementation plan. Language Arts, Math, and Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) committees met to “deconstruct” the standards (grade level expectations-GLEs) into power standards, organize them under content area measurement topics, and develop corresponding assessment rubrics. A technology interface was concurrently developed.

Throughout 2006-07, Math, Language Arts, and SEL committees contracted with Dr. Robert Marzano, who contributed specific technical feedback to their draft work. Via this dialogue with Dr. Marzano, teams developed standards-based grade level “faceplates” in lieu of the current report card. In fall 2006, all elementary principals received training to deliver a standards-based reporting workshop to their staffs. This presentation was designed to elevate the level of understanding about standards-based reporting throughout the elementary division staff.

This year, approximately 35 teachers are implementing the math, language arts, or SEL standards-based report cards in their classrooms. These teachers participated in a two-day before school training that was built into a credit course. Regular meetings where feedback will be gathered are also an important requirement of the pilot implementation plan. Under a secure application, the participating teachers have access to a technology interface that has been designed to track their assessment recording. A standards-based report card will be generated quarterly and will represent assessment benchmarking aligned with the GLEs.

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