



Frequently Asked Questions About Target Based Learning and Grading

Question: Will my student still receive a letter grade at the end of the semester?

Answer: *Students will continue to receive a letter grade. All students in grades 6-12 will receive a 9 week progress report and an official report card at the end of the 18 week grading period. The 18 week grade serves as the official grade on a student's transcript. Final, 18 week letter grades will continue to comprise the GPA that is communicated on student transcripts.*

Question: Where will I be able to find my student's progress grades throughout the semester?

Answer: *Infinite Campus will be the only tool used to track and report grades for all students in grades 6 - 12.*

Question: Is every teacher using the target based approach to learning and grading?

Answer: *Beginning with the 2019-20 school year, every teacher in the Neenah Joint School District in grades 6 - 12 will be utilizing target based learning and grading.*

Question: Why did the district decide to change its approach to assessment to target based learning and grading?

Answer: *The district vision was to create a learning and grading approach that would provide its students and families with clear targets for learning that will provide greater reliability in grading for teachers, and better information for students regarding strengths and gaps in their learning. In addition, the district wanted to place a greater emphasis on the improvement process to ensure that all students could be accountable for demonstrating their knowledge and skills.*

Question: Are there other districts that utilize a target-based approach to grading?

Answer: *Neenah is not the only district utilizing this instructional approach. Standards based and target based grading approaches are utilized throughout the state of Wisconsin, including many districts in our area, and throughout the country.*

Question: Will colleges and tech schools accept my student's transcript?

Answer: *Because we are still issuing letter grades, colleges and tech schools will continue to accept a student's transcript from Neenah High School under the same conditions that they have accepted our transcripts in the past.*

Question: Can my student retake a summative assessment?

Answer: *A summative assessment can be retaken to allow a student to demonstrate his/her learning and improvement. Students will collaborate with their teacher in order to plan for the reassessment process.*

Question: Can I find more detailed information about target based learning and grading?

Answer: *Yes! A more detailed description is included under the "Academics" link of the Neenah Joint School District website.*