

Understanding Student Progress Reports

Student progress reports help families and teachers track a child's learning and personal growth throughout the school year. These reports show strengths, areas for improvement, and ways to support students at home and school. By working with teachers, setting goals, and using available resources, families can help students stay on track and succeed in school.

Why Progress Reports Matter

Progress reports serve several important purposes:

- **Show Academic Growth:** They track how well a student understands key subjects like math, reading, and science.
- **Measure Social and Personal Skills:** Reports may include feedback on behavior, teamwork, and participation.
- **Encourage Communication:** They help families and teachers work together to support learning.
- **Motivate Students:** When students see their progress, they can set goals and stay motivated.

Key Parts of a Progress Report

1. **Grades or Performance Levels**
 - Students receive letter grades (A, B, C, etc.) or performance levels like "Meets Expectations" or "Needs Improvement."
 - Some reports include [TNReady](#) scores, which measure how well students meet [Tennessee Academic Standards](#).
2. **Subject-Specific Feedback**
 - Reports include details on subjects like math, reading, and science.
 - Teachers may add notes about a student's strengths and challenges.
3. **Social and Personal Skills**
 - Reports may include ratings on skills like following rules, working with classmates, and staying focused.
4. **TVAAS Growth Scores**
 - The [Tennessee Value-Added Assessment System \(TVAAS\)](#) shows how much a student has improved compared to expectations.
5. **Teacher Comments**
 - Teachers provide insights on a student's progress, work habits, and ways to improve.

How to Use Progress Reports to Help Your Child

- **Look Beyond Grades:** Pay attention to teacher comments and effort ratings.
- **Spot Patterns:** Check if your child is improving or struggling in certain areas over time.
- **Talk with the Teacher:** If something is unclear, ask the teacher for more details.
- **Set Goals Together:** Encourage your child to work on areas that need improvement and celebrate their progress.
- **Use State Resources:** Visit the Tennessee Department of Education's [website](#) for family engagement tips and tools.