Standards-based grading (SBG) attempts to address some of these mysteries and inefficiencies. At its core, SBG is about making learning goals and student progress clear so that students know exactly where and how they need to improve. For example, if a 2nd grade student receives a C+ in reading, what do we know? We know that the student and his parents will probably not be satisfied with their current score. But we don’t know where exactly the student is lacking. Is he struggling to read grade-level material fluently? Can he read fluently, but struggles to identify the moral of fables and folktales? Or does he struggle when it comes to reading informational text? SBG done well would take the guesswork out, which means teachers, students, and parents know where to focus. It is designed to give the best possible feedback. Consequently, students know where they stand and tend to buy into their coursework because they feel they have more control and ownership over their education.

Our teachers put a lot of time and effort into separating our assessments by standard. Often they even design assessments themselves in order to get the truest picture of how well a student has mastered a given standard. We continue to improve our practices in SBG through a committee that meets once a month. This committee has been reading the research on SBG, exploring tools that can help us implement it better, and even redesigning assessments. Currently, the committee’s main goal is to design a report card that clearly communicates learning targets to parents and students with simple “I can...” statements. For example, “I can tell and write time to the nearest five minutes.” We will work to work on this next school year and determine which online grading program best meets our needs. While we make this transition, we will use GradeLink for one more year. Because we are in the process of changing assessments and how we grade things we will be using a more simplified version of the GradeLink report card. If you like the specificity of the current report card, don’t worry! Your child’s teacher will still have lots of standard-specific information about your student’s strengths and areas for growth.

-Daniel Coonan, Curriculum Coach

Have you ever received a grade in a class you felt you didn’t deserve? Did you ever struggle in a class without knowing exactly what to do to right the ship? Did you ever have a teacher that you knew was a particularly easy or difficult grader? Did you ever get a low grade on a test or project and then know there was no way to bring your grade up to where you wanted it?

You have probably thought about your student’s strengths and areas for growth. Your teacher will still have lots of standard-specific information about your child’s specific information of the current report card, don’t worry! Your child’s teacher will still have lots of standard-specific information about your student’s strengths and areas for growth. If you like the specificity of the current report card, don’t worry! Your child’s teacher will still have lots of standard-specific information about your student’s strengths and areas for growth. If you like the specificity of the current report card, don’t worry! Your child’s teacher will still have lots of standard-specific information about your student’s strengths and areas for growth.
Hello Community Outreach Academy families and community. My name is Scott Jonard, Principal of COA Middle School. I am a father to 3 young children and I am married to a stunningly beautiful school counselor. Education is not only my job but it is in my blood. My family has been involved in education for over 5 generations and I hope that mine and my wife’s passion for education and educational leadership seep into my own children in the future.

I have been working in education for over 10 years. In that role I have had the extraordinary privilege of working with students of all backgrounds and ability levels. Throughout that time I have worked in many different jobs in education; Paraeducator, Teacher, Technology Coordinator, and now Principal. I also teach college courses on Educational Technology for new and hopeful teachers through the Sacramento County Office of Education School of Education and have spoken at many different conferences on topics around Education.

In my role as the Principal of COA Middle it is my goal to support and create an environment of high academic expectations that focuses on fostering a passion and love for learning in each of our students. It is my great desire that each of our students entering our school immediately feel excited to come to school, that our teachers feel completely supported and enjoy each day, and that our community knows how incredibly important they are to our success.

COA Middle has an incredible commitment to ensuring that your students have the best possible educational experience. In our commitment to teaching students independence and 21st Century skills, each student is issued a state of the art Chromebook that they can use at home and school. Classes like Integrated Math and Honors English challenge students to raise to High School level rigor. We also have wonderful and engaging classes like: Leadership, Engineering, Coding, Art, Journalism, and more; to engage our students with life long skills that they can use forever.

It is a great honor and privilege for me to serve the students, parents, staff, and community of Community Outreach Academy Middle School. I am looking forward to meet our next cohort of 7th graders in the upcoming 2019-2020 school year. Thank you!

Scott Jonard, COA Middle School Principal

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2019 COA 3RD ANNUAL MAKER NIGHT

April 4th (Thursday), 6 p.m. / Rafferty A

MAKER NIGHT is a time for students and families to be creative in building things to solve problems – just like real scientists and engineers do! There are no directions. There are no wrong answers. Students and parents will work together to build things at different stations.

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January 14 thru January 18, 2019
- Siblings & Employees’ Children KG Enrollment
- Re-enrollment for current KG thru 8th grades

February 4 thru February 15, 2019
- Public KG Enrollment
  (Based on classes’ availability)

March 21, 2019, 6:00 p.m.
- Lottery for KG
  (If needed)

April 23 - April 25, 2019
- Open Public Enrollment for 1st thru 8th grades
  (Based on classes’ availability)

May 2, 6:30 p.m., 2019
- Lottery for 1st thru 8th grades
  (If needed)