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Standards Based Grading sums up a student's level of achievement (e.g., Not Yet, Beginning to Progress towards standard, Progressing, or Meets end of grade level Standard).

In a standards based grading system, teachers report out what students know and are able to do, relative to the academic standards versus a broad subject area.

Standards based grading better isolates areas in which students are making progress and, more importantly, helps teachers and students target areas in which students need further support or assistance.
What do the levels LOOK like?

Baking Analogy
Not Yet Demonstrating Progress towards End of Grade Level Standard

The Student has all of the materials to bake cupcakes but doesn’t yet know what to do with them.
Beginning to progress toward the end of grade level standard with support

The Student has all of the materials to bake cupcakes but needs some help from someone to get started.
Progressing toward the end of grade level standard

The Student has all of the materials to bake cupcakes and understands the steps of how to make cupcakes with a recipe.
Meets the end of grade level standard

The Student has all of the materials to bake cupcakes and understands the steps of how to make cupcakes independently. They also understand how to manipulate the cupcake batter into cake form and can decorate it.