



# EAST CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL



*Providing interesting and meaningful experiences for every student-every minute-every day.*

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

At East Central High School, we value continuous learning and growth for every student – every minute – every day. Our grading and reporting system has been specifically designed to accurately reflect student learning and growth. Our aim is to establish a system of grading and reporting that aligns with district curriculum standards and accurately represents a student’s progress towards mastering the standards. The staff will continually encourage each student to persist in their learning until they have appropriately mastered the skills and standards that have been taught.

Our modified grading and reporting system is meant to be user-friendly and clearly convey to the teacher, student, and the parent what is being taught and how well it is being learned. Therefore, some of your student’s teachers will be using a standards-based reporting system, while others will be using the traditional grading and reporting method in a standards-based approach. Whether it is standards-based or the traditional grade book, the ultimate goal is to improve the quality of communication and adequately report progress towards the desired learning goals.

Furthermore, our grading system will now include a component that reports behavioral standards. East Central High School values academic skills and knowledge attainment, but we also value non-academic behaviors that prepare students to be successful after graduation. Extensive research supports a strong correlation between a student’s success after high school and their emotional intelligence, strength of character, and reliability. The “behavior report,” will be separate and will NOT count towards UIL eligibility, GPA, or otherwise impact rank or college admissions. The goal is to improve communication among the teacher, student, and parent on those non-academic qualities that truly impact student success as each transitions to life beyond high school (refer to ECISD’s profiles of an EC graduate).

Finally, I want to say thank you for selecting East Central High School as the place to educate your child. We are honored to serve the students, families, and the greater community of East Central. Thank you for your support and continued partnership in the education of your child. We look forward to a great school year. If you have any questions, please contact your child’s teacher for more information.

Sincerely,

Shane McKay  
Principal

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