



Pre-primary to Year 10 Teaching, Assessing and Reporting Policy Amendment for 2020 (as at 1 May 2020)

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

The following advice reflects the School Curriculum and Standards Authority's (the Authority's) minimum reporting requirements.

Department of Education and Catholic schools must ensure that they refer to their school system policy requirements. Independent schools will continue to follow their own school policy, taking into account this amendment.

Do schools have to provide a Semester 1, 2020 report for Pre-primary to Year 10 students?

Yes. Schools must provide a Semester 1, 2020 report for Pre-primary to Year 10 students about their general learning progress to date.

Do schools have to use an A, B, C, D, E (or an equivalent five-point scale/achievement descriptor), defined in terms of the Western Australian achievement standards, to describe student achievement in Semester 1, 2020 reports?

No. Schools do not need to use an A–E grade (or an equivalent five-point scale/achievement descriptor) to report student achievement in Semester 1, 2020.

What type of information needs to be provided to parents/guardians/carers in Semester 1, 2020 reports?

Semester 1, 2020 reports must provide information about a student's general learning progress to date.

For Pre-primary to Year 3 students, this could include information about a student's attitude, behaviour, effort, and personal and social learning.

Do schools need to provide a comment for each learning area in the Semester 1, 2020 report?

In consideration of the disruptions experienced in Terms 1 and 2, 2020, schools should make a judgement about which learning areas to report on in Semester 1.

Do schools need to provide a Semester 1, 2020 report with grades for Year 10 students, given that Year 10 Semester 1 grades are often used to assist course selection for Year 11?

No. Schools must provide a Semester 1, 2020 report for Pre-primary to Year 10 students about their general learning progress to date. They are not required to report student achievement using grades or an equivalent five-point scale/achievement descriptor.

Decisions about Year 11 course selection are made at the discretion of the school in consultation with students and their parents/guardians/carers.

Do schools have to provide a Semester 1, 2020 report for Pre-primary to Year 10 students who have been following a modified curriculum?

Yes. Schools must provide a Semester 1, 2020 report for Pre-primary to Year 10 students about each student's general learning progress to date.

Do schools need to continue to provide informal feedback on students' progress to parents during 2020?

Yes. Schools should continue to provide informal feedback about their students to parents/guardians/carers in a variety of ways and for a variety of reasons.

Do schools have to use an A, B, C, D, E (or an equivalent five-point scale/achievement descriptor), defined in terms of the Western Australian achievement standards, to describe student achievement in Semester 2, 2020 reports?

Yes. Semester 2, 2020 reports must report student achievement in accordance with the minimum reporting requirements as outlined in the Authority's *Pre-primary to Year 10 Teaching, Assessing and Reporting Policy*. This includes an assessment of the student's achievement in terms of the grades A, B, C, D and E (or an equivalent five-point scale/achievement descriptor), clearly defined in terms of Western Australian achievement standards.

What information will best indicate a student's achievement in learning areas?

Recognising that learning has been disrupted over the first semester, the final grade for each learning area at the end of the year will best indicate a student's achievement against the year-level achievement standard.

Do schools have to provide a Semester 1, 2020 report for Year 11 and 12 students?

As outlined in the Authority's *WACE 2020 Manual* (page 23), schools base their practice for reporting Year 11 and 12 student achievement to parents on the reporting policy requirements of the school sector/system in which they operate.