

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Promoting higher student achievement by enhancing communication between our teachers and the families of our students is a top priority in Denton Independent School District. ParentConnection facilitates this home-to-school communication via the internet. As a parent you will be able to access the following information:

- Attendance on a daily basis (2nd-12th grades)
- Assignments (2nd-12th grades)
- Current class averages (2nd-12th grades)

DISD allots two accounts per student. Parents can sign up for the free service with a valid email address by going to:

- **Denton ISD Internet Homepage** (www.dentonisd.org)
- Click on the tab “**For Parents**”
- On the left of the page select **Parent Connection**
- If this is your first time to visit this page, please take time to read all information as it will help you get started with Parent Connection.
- You will need your child’s **six digit Denton ISD identification number**. This number is located on the student’s id badge.
- If you have problems with Parent Connection you can communicate with us via our email at GradeSpeed@dentonisd.org
- Please note during high traffic times of the year it may take a few days to get your application approved for access.

DISD will:

- Provide completely updated grades at the regular reporting periods (3 week progress reports and 6 week report cards).
- Enter grades regularly
- Adhere to the grading standards and guidelines for the course as listed in the *Employee Handbook* and the *Student Code of Conduct*
- Use grading codes to clarify status of missing grades
 - Exc = assignment has been excused; student will not be required to complete it.
 - Msg = missing assignment; student has not turned in the assignment and grade will be counted as a zero if the work has not been made up. District guidelines for make-up work will be followed (1 day for each day absent plus 1)
 - D = next to a numerical grade indicates the grade has been dropped
 - R = next to a numerical grade indicates the grade has been “redone”
 - 0 = deadline for submitting work has passed and grade is zero; this can also be the grade earned
 - Blank = assignment to be graded

Limitations you can expect with this report method:

- Grade books are works in progress, reflecting changes as students turn in work missed or re-done for the higher grade. Depending on course policies, therefore, grades may rise and fall during the grading period.
- Often, instruction involves the completion of major projects that are not due until near the end of a grading period; consequently, grades may be drastically different after those projects are due and graded than they appear before those grades are posted. The same effect – the grades appear to go up or down suddenly – will occur when major tests cannot be administered until the end of a unit of study near the end of a grading period.
- Sometimes a major project or paper requires weeks, not days, to grade for the entire set of students in a course; therefore, though papers may have been turned in or tests taken, scores will not be posted until grading is complete.

Parent involvement is a key component to the academic success of students. ParentConnection is a great way to be more informed and engaged in supporting your child’s education and academic success.