

21st Century Learning Report Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What are 21st Century Learning Expectations?

A: 21st Century Learning Expectations are the high school's standards for learning; they are geared toward ensuring sustained success for our students after high school. These expectations were developed by the faculty, they express our shared values, and, ultimately, they drive instruction and decision-making for our students.

Q: How are students assessed on 21st Century Learning Expectations?

A: Teachers assess student growth quarterly using school-wide rubrics created to measure growth toward attainment of "proficient" on each expectation. These school-wide rubrics were created by and are calibrated by our faculty. Every quarter, teachers select an assignment, activity or portfolio to assess using the school-wide rubric assigned to their department. Students are also asked to provide input into this assessment in order to support their growth as self-reflective learners. Teachers calibrate scoring to ensure that rankings are consistent for all students.

Q: How are the rankings calculated?

A: Teachers enter school-wide rubric scores into Aspen X2 each quarter. Aspen X2 calculates a final rank using a trend average formula to account for student growth and progress. Please note that data points for a single expectation may have come from multiple teachers (ex. If a student takes two art courses during the year, then data points entered by both art teachers are used to calculate the rank for the same learning expectation). Also, if your child did not take any classes where a particular expectation was measured, they will receive the ranking "Not Measured."

Q: Where can I find my child's rubric scores for individual assignments?

A: Teachers are instructed to return rubrics with scores to your child after each assessment.

Q: What is the plan moving forward?

A: Moving forward, we will continue to report on individual and whole school progress toward the attainment of our 21st Century Learning Expectations. Students will continue to receive an individual 21st Century Learning Report at the end of the year along with the MHS Academic Report Card. Whole school progress will be reported out annually on the Mansfield High School website.

Q: Does this have any effect on college transcripts and/or progress toward graduation?

A: No, the 21st Century Learning Report is not sent to colleges, factored into GPA/rank calculation, or used to determine progress toward graduation.

