

Dear Families:

As you may have seen, the state has published the annual school report cards. EWA has been designated as a school "In Need of Improvement." We have posted our report card on the EWA website under the "Student Resources" tab.

This will be the last year that the current form of the report card will be used. Next year, the state will be using a different measurement tool. Under this type of measurement, EWA would have received a score of level 1, on a scale of 1-5. (a form showing how this would look is also posted under the "Student Resources" tab). This score for elementary and secondary schools is based on the following categories:

- Academic achievement – the percentage of students meeting or exceeding on the state math and reading tests. (EWA score – 2)
- Academic growth – the level of individual student progress on the reading and math tests as compared to the growth of other students with similar past test scores. (EWA score – 2)
- Subgroup growth – the level of growth of historically underserved student subgroups. (EWA score – 1)
- Graduation (high school only) – this indicator follows incoming 9th grade classes for four or five years to determine the percent of student who graduate with a regular diploma. (EWA score – 1)
- Subgroup graduation (high school only) – this indicator uses the graduation rates of historically underserved student subgroups. (EWA score – 1)

Estacada Web Academy, as a public charter school, is a school of choice. Our students come to us for a variety of reasons, with a variety of academic needs and challenges. Nevertheless, regardless of those challenges, it is our responsibility to ensure that all of our students are being provided with the skills they need to achieve and have academic success. We do not take this responsibility lightly.

Last spring, we came together as a staff to review our curriculum and determine our needs as a school with the emphasis on improving student achievement. We are currently working to implement the following changes/strategies:

- Piloting new curriculum for use with K-8, SPED and ESL students.
- Developing essential skills modules for use in preparing students for taking the state assessments.
- Developing a 5-year Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (posted on the Estacada Charters website, on the home page under "About.")
- Investing in technology and staff development for the purpose of developing our own proprietary curriculum, allowing our teachers to easily individualize and customize a student's curriculum to meet his/her learning needs.
- Increasing the ways we communicate student progress with parents.

We are committed to providing an environment where each student can realize his/her full academic potential. The EWA staff would like to recognize and thank all of the "adult coaches" out there, parents, grandparents, guardians, etc., for all your support of your students and of our school. Together we can work to make our school GREAT.

Sincerely,

Joni Tabler
Principal

