

Dear Northeast Families,

As part of our commitment to supporting the holistic development of your child, we would like to introduce you to a tool we are implementing in our classrooms called the Behavior Proficiency Scale. This scale plays a vital role in helping us assess and guide your child's social and behavioral growth during these important early years.

What is a Behavior Proficiency Scale?

A Behavior Proficiency Scale is a tool designed to help us evaluate and track the current level of performance your child demonstrates of the key behaviors and school-wide expectations that are essential for a positive learning environment. These behaviors include respect, responsibility, and safety, among others. The scale measures your child's actions in various settings, providing us with insights into their social and emotional development.

How is the Behavior Proficiency Scale Used?

Throughout the school year, our teachers observe your child in different situations, such as during class discussions, group activities, and independent work. Based on these observations, your child's behavior is assessed holistically each quarter according to specific criteria within the scale. These criteria are divided into different levels of proficiency on a 1 through 4 scale. With each report card and at conferences, you will receive a completed proficiency scale demonstrating your child's current level of proficiency.

For example, under the "Respectful" category, we might assess how well your child listens without interrupting, follows directions, and respects personal space. The scale gives us a clear framework to evaluate these behaviors, ensuring that our feedback is both accurate and constructive.

Why are we using the Behavior Proficiency Scale?

In past years, Northeast has used an Employability Skills rubric. While these skills are still essential and taught, our new behavior proficiency scales have the employability skills embedded throughout and can now monitor and measure a broader scope of 21st century skills that are vital to your student's success. It also provides you, as parents, with a clear and understandable way to see how your child is progressing in these essential life skills.

We believe that by using this scale, we can help foster a positive and respectful learning environment where all students can thrive. If you have any questions about the Behavior Proficiency Scale or your child's progress, please don't hesitate to reach out to Mrs. Salazar (Principal), Mrs. Killpack (School Counselor), or Mrs. Forbes (Student & Family Advocate).

Thank you for your continued support in your child's education.

Sincerely,
Northeast Staff & Faculty