

Dear Parent,

Here are ten questions that you should ask your child's teachers before, during, and after each marking period:

- 1. What are your criteria for grading?
- 2. What counts and to what extent does each part of the class count?
- 3. If you grade based on quizzes and tests how many quizzes are usually given?
- 4. What is the average score of your class on these quizzes?
- 5. If you include homework in the grading has my child missed any, and if so how many?
- 6. Were any assignments late that I did not know of?
- 7. Ultimately what is the collection of activities that will lead to the final grade?
- 8. What specific improvements are you looking for?
- 9. When is the next exam or quiz, and what topics will it cover?
- 10. In other words, what do your students have to know, and when do they have to know it? And how can you tell BEFORE the test or quiz if they are understanding the material?