This regulation supersedes Regulation 2430.6P.

I. PURPOSE

To establish specific procedural guidelines that must be followed in grading and in reporting to the parents or guardians of Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) middle and high school students, and to ensure continual and consistent written and oral communication with parents or guardians.

II. SUMMARY OF CHANGES

A. The Title of Directive has been changed. The words “High School” have been eliminated.

B. Language has been updated to reflect applicability, and communication with both middle and high schools, including in the Purpose.

C. The Secondary Grading and Reporting Guidelines Handbook has been retired, and a link to the updated Secondary Grading and Reporting Guidelines webpage has been added.

D. References have been updated to reflect current applicable regulations.

III. REPORTING TO PARENTS OR GUARDIANS

A. Middle and high school students shall be formally evaluated every nine-week grading period in accordance with established policy for all FCPS students.

B. Middle and high schools shall use approved report cards each nine weeks for reporting student achievement.

C. Report card grades shall not deviate from those specified in the Secondary Grading
and Reporting Guidelines, which is available online for reference or review at https://www.fcps.edu/academics/grading-and-reporting/secondary.

D. Teachers shall not deviate from the guidelines for determining grades as specified in Secondary Grading and Reporting Guidelines.

E. Middle and high schools shall communicate grade information to parents or guardians of students whose performance warrants a D+, a D, or an F, or whose performance drops two grades below previously reported progress at least once approximately at the halfway point of each marking period.

IV. GRADE SECURITY

It is a violation of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) to publicly post student grades, assignment results, test scores or other marks using any type of personally identifiable information including student identification numbers (IDs).

See also the current versions of:
- Regulation 2410, Promotion and Retention of Students in Grades K-12
- Regulation 3205, Homework–Guidelines