

Dear Wilson Parents/Guardians:

As we begin the 2016-17 school year, allow me to welcome you all to what we all believe will be a fantastic year of learning and growing at Wilson! Teachers and staff have busily been preparing to ensure each and every student reaches their fullest potential academically and socially.

Knowing where you are and where you want to go is a key part of growth and improvement. Our school regularly uses data to tell us how our students are progressing and to adjust instruction for better results. In addition to reporting academic grades, teachers will also be reporting out on 21st Century Skills this year. Simply put, 21st Century Skills encompass those pieces of student performance that are going to show up all throughout life – in relationships, the workforce, and everywhere else. For any family having had child in a Cedar Rapids Community Schools elementary building, these same skills are reported out as PARRT skills on the elementary report card. Rooted in the Iowa Core, Wilson teachers will report out the following 21st Century Skills:

Responsibility

- Promptness to class
- Materials are ready in every class
- Assigned work is completed on time and with maximum effort

Engagement

- Learning Behaviors
- Collaboration
- Communication

Integrity

- Citizenship
- Cooperation
- Respect
- Ethical Behavior

The scale for reporting will be as such:

- Exemplary
- Proficient
- Developing
- Insufficient
- No Evidence

Teachers will be teaching all students what these areas are and what each skill looks like at every performance level. Four times a quarter, teachers will report in PowerSchool your child's progress on these three 21st Century Skills.

Some key points to understand:

- 21st Century Skills reports are SEPARATE from academic grades – they neither raise nor lower an academic grade
- 21st Century Skills reports are intended to provide talking points about overall student success

We will post this information on our website along with other materials to further assist in these conversations. Thank you!