**Mastery-Based Learning**

**What is Mastery-Based Learning?**

Mastery-Based Learning refers to systems of instruction, assessment, grading, parental communication, and academic reporting that are based on students demonstrating understanding or mastery of the knowledge and skills they are expected to learn as they progress through their education.

**Why is Colonial using MBL?**

We believe Mastery Based Learning will significantly improve:

- **of student learning** as it relates to their academic progress.
- **personalization** of instruction & lesson design.
- **communication** with parents about their child’s progress towards mastery.

**Reporting progress towards mastery**

- 2 **Parent Conferences** November & March
- 2 **Progress Reports** January & June

**Traditional Learning vs. Mastery Based Learning**

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**How is Student Progress Tracked?**

1. Teachers align student assignments to content standards.
2. Teachers assess students mastery of standards.
3. Teachers determine student proficiency on the standards.
4. Reports show standards grouped into grading categories.

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