

# FAQ Sheet

## Electronic Report Cards

- What was the reasoning for moving to an all online report card system?
  - “As a District one of our most important goals is to share student progress with parents and guardians. We recognize that strengthening our home and school connection adds to the success of our students. Our hope is that by providing increased availability of school communications, it will be a benefit to our students and parents and ensure easy, immediate and open communication.”
- How did this come about? What were the deciding factors?
  - A combination of parental requests and the implementation of a new student information system, Sapphire, allows the ability for improved online communication.
  - In the past, parents and students have been able to consistently view grades electronically. This was a logical next step forward.
- Who drove this change?
  - The change was driven by requests from students, parents, teachers, administrators and the community as everyone desired quick reliable access in a secure format to a student’s academic performance and progress.
  - Electronic records provides a way to increase the convenience of parents, guardians and students while also considering the environmental benefits of a paperless system.
- What benefits does this provide parents and students over traditional paper report cards?
  - The goal is provide electronic student records so there are no longer lost communications that do not make it home. Parents and students will always be knowledgeable of progress! Providing a system of instant 24/7 access of student records allows parents to view attendance records, grades by subject, test and quiz scores, homework assignments, student schedules, report cards and other reports. Additionally, new this year, our Community Web Portal allows access to a student’s PSSA, Keystone and MAP data.
  - The transition to an online format will be beneficial by providing instant and reliable communication. Additionally, families will have secure access, in an easy to navigate format, providing both current and year-to-year historical information while enrolled as a student at CASD.
- Is there a set date for the 4th marking period report card?
  - There is a consistent date across the district for report card distribution. This is determined by the Educational Programming Department. Parents and students can log into their Community Web Portal accounts and report cards will be available for viewing. No waiting for it to be brought home!
- How do I opt out?
  - If you do not have access to a computer and need a paper copy to still be brought home, we can help! You will need to contact your child’s school to request an Opt Out form. Alternatively, you can also find an opt out form at [www.casdonline.org/portal](http://www.casdonline.org/portal) and return it your child’s school. This is also where you can sign up for a Community Web Portal account so you have access to your child’s records.