

# Ilima Intermediate School: A Parent's Guide to Success

## Welcome to Ilima Intermediate School

At Ilima Intermediate, we believe that informed parents are key partners in student success. This guide provides essential information about how we measure learning, the important skills we foster, and how our school performs within the Hawai'i public education system. We are committed to nurturing every student's growth and preparing them for a bright future.

## Report Card Grades & Grading

Our report cards reflect a student's academic achievement and mastery of learning standards. Grades are typically assigned as follows:

- **A: Exceeds Standards** – Demonstrates excellent understanding and application of concepts.
- **B: Meets Standards** – Shows solid understanding and consistent application of concepts.
- **C: Approaching Standards** – Developing understanding; may need more support in some areas.
- **D: Below Standards** – Limited understanding; significant support needed.
- **F: Far Below Standards** – Does not meet basic requirements.

Parents can monitor their child's progress in real-time using **Infinite Campus**, our online student information system. Grades are primarily based on assignments, projects, and assessments that demonstrate mastery of course content.

## General Learner Outcomes (GLOs)

The GLOs are overarching goals for all students in Hawai'i. They are the essential skills and behaviors students need for success in college, career, and citizenship. These are often assessed through effort and participation grades on report cards.

The 6 General Learner Outcomes:

- **Self-Directed Learner:** *Takes responsibility for one's own learning.*
- **Community Contributor:** *Understands the importance of working together and contributing to the community.*
- **Complex Thinker:** *Demonstrates problem-solving, critical thinking, and innovation.*
- **Quality Producer:** *Recognizes and produces high-quality academic and creative work.*
- **Effective Communicator:** *Expresses ideas clearly and appropriately for various audiences and purposes.*
- **Effective & Ethical User of Technology:** *Uses technology responsibly, safely, and effectively.*



## Understanding State Assessments

State assessments are critical tools used to measure student learning, identify areas for improvement, and ensure all students are receiving a high-quality education. These tests help us understand how Ilima Intermediate is performing and how well our students are prepared for their future.

## Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA)

The Smarter Balanced Assessments are the required state tests for English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics. Students in grades 6, 7, and 8 participate annually.

- **Purpose:** To measure student achievement and growth towards college and career readiness.
- **Results:** Provide a proficiency level (Levels 1-4) indicating how well a student understands and can apply grade-level standards. Individual student reports are sent home annually.

## STRIVE HI Performance System

STRIVE HI is Hawai'i's comprehensive school accountability system. It provides an annual "Step" (classification) for our school, based on multiple measures beyond just test scores. It paints a more complete picture of our school's performance and progress.

Key areas measured by STRIVE HI include:

- **Student Achievement:** How well students perform on state assessments.
- **Student Growth:** How much progress students make academically each year.
- **Readiness:** Including factors like attendance and college/career preparation.
- **Achievement Gaps:** Efforts to close performance differences between student groups.

## Key Definitions for Parents (Glossary)

- **Academic Grade:** Reflects a student's mastery of course content and learning standards.
- **Assessment:** A tool (like a test, project, or exam) used to measure what a student has learned and can do.
- **Chronic Absenteeism:** Missing 15 or more days of school in a school year, a key factor in school accountability.
- **General Learner Outcomes (GLOs):** Six essential outcomes that define the skills and behaviors all students need for success in college, career, and citizenship.
- **Infinite Campus:** The online student information system where parents can view grades, attendance, and other important information.
- **Median Growth Percentile (MGP):** A measure used in STRIVE HI to show how an average student's progress compares to their academic peers nationally.
- **Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA):** The state tests in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics that measure a student's progress toward college and career readiness.
- **STRIVE HI Performance System:** Hawai'i's school accountability system that uses multiple measures to determine a school's annual classification or "Step."

## Partnering for Success!

We encourage you to be an active participant in your child's education. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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