



Irvine Unified School District

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Beginning with the 2010-11 school year, the Irvine Unified School District will deliver all middle and high school report cards electronically. The decision to eliminate paper report cards reflects IUSD's commitment to reduce waste and explore all options to generate savings, in light of the state's ongoing fiscal crisis, which has stripped our district of millions of dollars.

IUSD has approximately 13,000 students enrolled in grades 7-12, with six grading periods for middle schools and eight grading periods for high school. Postage costs alone total more than \$40,000 annually, and these funds are taken directly from local school budgets. Eliminating paper copies will also reduce staff time and the purchase of paper and envelopes.

Parents will continue to be notified via e-mail when the latest grades are accessible through the online Parent Portal at MyIUSD.org. We encourage you to login to the Parent Portal to confirm that your email address is accurate to ensure that you receive these notifications. While we are requesting that all families help reduce our costs by taking advantage of this easy-to-use option, families who prefer to receive paper copies may still do so by contacting their child's school directly.

The Irvine Unified School District remains committed to identifying and implementing cost-saving measures that will enable us to continue "to provide the highest educational experience that we can envision."

Sincerely,

Gwen E. Gross, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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