

'Sugar-coating' Scored, Letter Grades OK, If ...

Letter grades (A, B, C, etc.) may be given seventh and eighth grade parents upon request.

This is one of the significant conclusions arrived at by members of the Reporting Committee who have met these last few weeks to evaluate the present grading system and to make recommendations.

The conclusion represents a compromise between the present practice which postpones letter grades until high school (the ninth grade) and the suggestion which called for placing seventh and eighth graders on a strict letter grading basis.

According to the committee's recommendation, parents of seventh and eighth grade students may be given a letter grade evaluation of their children at the oral parent-teacher conferences.

Clarity of Reporting

One other point which received strong consideration was clarity of reporting.

The committee recommended that teachers avoid "sugar coating," technical terms, and a "too positive or too negative" approach.

Teachers "should give a frank, honest report," the committee recommended.

It was also proposed that records of report cards be kept from now on.

10 Recommendations

The ten conclusions drawn by the committee and submitted to officials of the Torrance Unified School District for consideration are as follows:

1. Help parents to realize the child's achievement in relation to his capacity at a given time and also help them to understand the philosophy behind the reporting system.

2. Education of the child to fully understand what he's capable of doing at a given time.

3. Through teacher and administrator committees and/or discussion groups, to revise the teacher's handbook on reporting in the following ways:

(a.) Avoid "sugar coating."

(b.) Avoid technical terms.

(c.) Suggest an outline of those things which the teacher should cover in reporting to parents.

4. Set up techniques and/or approaches which will lead to better reporting of pupil's progress (provision for better and continuing orientation of teachers to the reporting program):

(a.) Study current successful practices which are used by teacher and principal to interpret the child's abilities to the child and the parent.

(b.) Encourage teachers to avoid a "too positive" or "too negative" approach in individual conferences; teachers should give a frank, honest report.

5. Each written report should be accompanied by an oral conference for added understanding. The mechanics of scheduling simultaneous oral and written reports needs teacher and administrator reactions and planning along with School Board approval of any change. Further consideration needs to be given to the purpose and value of the final written report. This can be done by the proposed committee. (A question was raised as to whether or not a form, indicat-

ing grade placement for the following year, would be sufficient at this time.)

6. The written report form should include a space for recording specific plans for helping the child, as decided mutually by parent and teacher.

7. The format of the written report should be changed so that a carbon of all written reports may be kept over a period of years.

8. Reporting pupil progress should be a primary area of emphasis in Torrance Schools during 1957-58.

9. At the oral conferences, seventh and eighth grade parents who deem it necessary, may be given letter grades (A, B, C) upon request.

10. An evaluation of the revamped program following the second reporting period is recommended for the Spring of 1958.

The Reporting Committee, which was organized by the School District, was composed of school officials, teachers, and members of the community.

Father-Son Banquet Set At Narbonne

The annual Father and Sons sports Day and Banquet will be held at Narbonne High school Thursday, June 6, at 6:30 p.m. Guest speakers for the event will be Rafer Johnson, National Decathlon champion from UCLA, and Al Davis, Line Coach from USC.

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Now occupying the newly purchased parsonage at 21909 Palos Verdes dr., are Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Brumfield. Dr. Brumfield is pastor of the South Bay Baptist church, 4565 Sharynne Lane.

FOOD SALE

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