The Bike Analogy

A Guide to Proficiency Grading

An Analogy:

Learning to Ride a Bike

&

Standards-Based Proficiency Grading

MINIMAL

- Looking at the bike
- Feeling the bike
- Didn't get on the bike yet
- Didn't understand the bike enough

EXAMPLE GRADE MARKS:

.5

1

This is comparable to a "D" on a traditional report card.

BASIC

- Got on the bike
- Needs training wheels or someone running along side
- Riding is a bit wobbly, but is coming along
- Needs more practice

EXAMPLE GRADE MARKS:

1.5- *Comparable to a C-*

2 – *Comparable to a B- or a C*

2.5 – *Comparable to a B or B+*

This is comparable to a "C "or "B" on a traditional report card.

PROFICIENT

- Getting on the bike and riding is natural
- Rides bike with ease and without support
- Consistent, smooth riding

EXAMPLE GRADE MARKS

3

This is comparable to an "A" on a traditional report card.

ADVANCED

- Riding remains consistent and smooth
- Learning how to do tricks
- Continuing to show growth beyond expectation

EXAMPLE GRADE MARKS:

3.5

4

This is comparable to an "A+" on a traditional report card.

INCOMPLETE

- Won't consider looking or feeling the bike
- Won't consider getting on the bike

EXAMPLE GRADE MARK:

INC - Incomplete

LE – Lacks Evidence

LE is comparable to an "F" on a traditional report card.

NA – Not Assessed *at this time*