# Understanding Individual Growth <br> Yokohama City's New Academic Progress Reports 

What's changed?
What's the new focus on growth all about?


What do the results look like?

What kind of test questions are there?

## What's changed?



## For these reasons, we have introduced <br> new methods of evaluation!

First, we design questions for each grade ...


A sample of students answer each one so we can judge question difficulty


Questions are divided into levels, and assigned to different grades.


This is not a test, it's a report on student ability. Question papers will not be returned to students.

Look at results sheets carefully. Has the way you've been studying so far been working out? Reflecting on your results is super important!

## Please read the reports with your child!

Together, you can understand your child's academic situation. You'll discover the results of their hard work, and learn what they are struggling with.


## Student A: Growing and Improving

Understands the contents of the new school grade, and is working hard. Keep doing what you're doing!


## Student B: Not Growing or Improving

The student's Academic Level is not rising, indicating she is struggling \& having difficulty understanding new content. Steps need to be taken, such as consultations with teachers, and reevaluating the way she studies \& learns.


## What do the individual results look like?



## The report sheet has changed!

NEW: Report Sheet

## Your current Academic

Level is shown with a bold red line.

NEW: Advice Section
Advice for future learning will be written in Japanese, as well as comments about Academic Level growth, and so on.

## Unchanged from previous years:

For every aspect of school subjects, the percentage of correct answers will be displayed in charts.

Aspects: Knowledge, ability, thinking, judgement, expression.

For each academic area, the percentage of correct answers will be displayed in charts. <Example of academic areas>

In Japanese: literary composition, explanatory composition, information. In math: Numbers, equations, spatial geometry, ratios, statistics.

There are 14 Academic Levels, each divided into grades A, B, or C, representing a total of 42 steps of Academic Growth.


In the 2023-2024 school year, Japanese \& math results will be analyzed and sent out.
Foreign languages will follow in 2024-2025, then science and social studies in 2025-2026.


## What kind of questions are there？

## Elementary／Junior High Math Knowledge \＆Ability

## Level 8 Question Example

## E．S．

Grade 3



夆きるきい。

| 1 | ＊ $44^{4}$ | 12 |  | 8 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | －＜ 4 ＊ | 12 | 4，方家析 | 7 |
| 3 | ～ $40^{\prime}$ | 8 |  | 8 |
| 4 | N $44^{4}$ | 9 |  | 7 |



The Academic Level is decided by solving questions at each level．It is not decided by the total of all correct answers．

## 角柱や円柱の体稹





J．H．S．
Grade 1

|  | $10 \times 2 \times 3.14 \times 10=628$ | 等 | $628 \mathrm{~cm}^{\prime}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| （1） | $10 \times 10 \times 3.14 \times 10=3140$ | 蓸 ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | $3140 \mathrm{~cm}^{\prime}$ |
| （1） | $5 \times 2 \times 3.14 \times 10-314$ | 知 | $314 \mathrm{~cm}^{\prime}$ |
| （c） | $5 \times 5 \times 3.14 \times 10=785$ | 等 | $785 \mathrm{~cm}^{1}$ |



## 基本的な平面図形の性質




J．H．S．
Grade 3


Questions focus on things learned in that grade，so represent the student＇s Academic Level．Understand the mathematical formulas and terms，and you can answer the questions．

Even at the same

Academic Level，there is new content in higher grades．So，even if a student＇s Academic Level is high，that doesn＇t mean they can answer questions for grades higher than their own．

## Elementary Japanese Thinking, Judgement, Expression

## This example is about student ability to think and question.

Elementary School Grade 6


## Academic Progress Reports FAQ


#### Abstract

Q1. Can you tell me all the details of the new system? A1. The new system uses Item Response Theory (IRT). IRT tests quantify academic achievement levels using a scale created by experts based on preliminary survey results. This theory allows us to compare results and see if each student's Academic Level is improving, regardless of changing grades or test questions.


## Q2. What do "Academic Level" and "Growth" indicate?

A2. Academic Level is a numerical representation of academic proficiency, divided into 42 levels.
Academic Growth is raising your Academic Level.
Academic Level does not represent everything about your child's ability to learn.

## Q3. Why is it important to see academic growth?

A3. With this system, every child can see their own growth as they advance to grade nine. They can observe how they are studying \& learning, and notice where they have been trying hard and improving. It also makes it possible for parents \& guardians to see where their child is having difficulties.

## Q4. What can I do with the report?

A4. Please use your individual report sheet's Academic Growth and advice sections to talk with your child about how their education is going.
If you can see areas where your child is struggling, like on page 4 of this document, ask your child if they are having trouble understanding certain things. Talk about their approach to learning and studying. Consult with your school, and think about how you can improve the situation.

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