

January 25, 2019

Dear DCS Parent(s) and Student,

North Carolina Department of Public Instruction reported to school systems that PowerTeacher Pro, the program used to register individual student grades in PowerSchool, our student information management system, had an issue that caused incorrect calculation of some students' grades first quarter. Unfortunately, the number of students affected and specific errors could not be identified.

Davidson County Schools has taken steps to correct any errors in first quarter grades. This required a process of "unstoring" final grades, programming the system to calculate using the previous method, recalculating student grades, and restoring final averages for first quarter. As a result, your student's report card may reflect a different first quarter average than appeared on the report card issued November 7. While the calculation error negatively impacted some students' final averages and inflated other students' final averages, only final averages that reflect an improvement have been adjusted for first quarter.

The error in calculation was corrected prior to processing student grades for second quarter.

Grades should accurately reflect a student's knowledge, skills, and understanding. The process to correct a calculation error in the system required additional time and substantial effort by our dedicated staff members to ensure our students' grades were correct. I want to thank these individuals for having the best interest of our students at the forefront of all we do.

Thank you for your support of the schools that make Davidson County such a great district.

Sincerely,



Emily Lipe, Ed.D.
Superintendent