

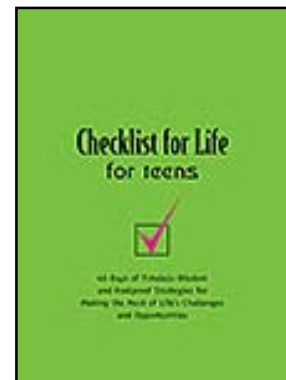
Grades and Standards, “Making the Cut”

Grades are important; but grades are not all there is in life. Grades can reflect the gifts of someone who makes very little effort, or the hard work of someone who is not as gifted in that subject or area.

Standards are different than grades. Our standards (or lifestyle) are a reflection of who we are in character; as standards are derived through modeling and through nurturing most often from our parents or guardians.

Our standards and grades do have some connection: personal standards to achieve or do well will drive or pressure the young folk to work hard – and to be the best they can be. Sometimes standards are set unrealistically high; so high that they cannot be achieved and thus, lead to certain failure. The line between high and unrealistic standards can sometimes be fuzzy or unclear.

Grades in K-12 are not nearly as crucial to your future as college; but even so, college is usually a challenge for most people.



I think the student does better when he is doing something, or preparing to do something, that he really likes and enjoys.

Standards are necessary; but as to grades... if it's necessary.

Homework (don't worry about the grade...):

Please try to do these:

- Trust God with those grades
- Stop thinking that grades are all there is...
- Realize the importance of character
- Focus on developing high moral, ethical, and spiritual standards
- Don't be so hard on yourself; remember, God knows all about you: your struggles, your desires, your heartaches...and all that other stuff

Things to Do:

- ✓ Ask God to show and help you with developing good character
- ✓ Ask God to give you strength and power in adhering to standards
- ✓ Read a Gospel and write down the character qualities of Christ
- ✓ List the ways you can apply what you've learned about Jesus in your own character

From the first book of Corinthians, chapter 2: “Who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.