



Greetings West York Secondary Families,

This communication is on behalf of our West York Area School District Middle School and High School Principals, Assistant Principals, Technology Integrators, and Teachers. In order to resolve confusion that exists between Canvas grades and Sapphire grades, the “View Grades” button in Canvas and “Grades” tab in each course will be going away in the next few days. Students and families will still be able to view assignments, see their scores, and view teacher feedback on their individual assignments within Canvas.

This is being done in order to:

- Eliminate confusion between the two platforms
- Allow for established weighting to accurately reflect grades
- Guarantee all families and teachers are looking in the same place for grade updates or concerns

Students and families should access Sapphire on a regular basis. Our teachers update the gradebook weekly, so there is a delay between a graded assignment and the entry into Sapphire. Not all assignments are assigned in Canvas. The [Sapphire Parent Portal](#) is where families can monitor attendance and grades. Any questions after viewing information in the portal can be directed to your building office or teachers.

Please visit this [website](#) created by our technology integration team for information regarding:

1. How to continue to check assignments in Canvas and look for feedback (2:46)
2. How to set up a Sapphire parent account if you do not already have one (2:04)
3. Student Sapphire Guide (0:50)

You can access the Sapphire Parent Portal here: [link to Parent Portal](#)

If you have any questions regarding the Sapphire Parent Portal, you can contact your building office or email the helpdesk at help@wyasd.org.

With Bulldog Pride,

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