



## Grading Information and Policy during the 2019-2020 COVID-19 School Closure

*The following guidelines have been established for use during the state mandated school closure during the COVID-19 pandemic.*

Since the closure beginning March 2019, the district has been providing remote learning opportunities for students to continue their educational experience and remain connected with school staff.

The goal of the district during this time has been to follow the guidelines set out in HB 197 and “keep students actively engaged in learning opportunities for the remainder of the year.” As it is impossible to provide a traditional educational experience for our students due to this global pandemic, it is also impossible and impractical for the district to provide grades in the traditional manner as well.

### **We believe:**

Remote learning due to the COVID-19 closure should not have an adverse impact on student grades.

There will be students who experience positive learning gains and excel in this remote learning setting.

There will also be students that may not be able to experience the same learning gains that they would with the traditional educational setting.

Grading should not be a punishment, but take into consideration the student’s efforts, abilities and achievements during this time.

Effective feedback and communication will contribute to growth, learning and a positive social-emotional state for students.

Therefore, instruction has focused on the standards and topics deemed as a priority during the fourth quarter.

Students will be assessed according to their progress towards the expectations laid out by their teacher. The following will be used to provide feedback on their progress for the 2019-2020 4th grading period:



## *Grades K-6:*

Student grades will reflect efforts towards completing assignments and progress demonstrated towards mastery of standards and activities assigned during the 4<sup>th</sup> nine weeks.

The following grades will be assigned:

### **A4 = Adequate Progress**

This grade will be assigned to those students who have completed assignments and demonstrated progress towards the standards and activities assigned during the 4<sup>th</sup> nine weeks.

### **L4 = Limited Progress**

This grade will be assigned to those students who have not completed assignments or not been able to demonstrate progress during the 4<sup>th</sup> nine weeks.

### **E4 = Exceeding Progress**

This grade will be assigned to those students who have completed assignments and been able to demonstrate that they have exceeded the expectations of progress during the 4<sup>th</sup> nine weeks.

\*Final grades for the year will be given by averaging the grades for the first three nine weeks. If a student has shown positive progress during the 4<sup>th</sup> nine weeks, then the teacher will have the ability to make that reflection in the overall grade for the year.



## *Grades 7-12:*

Students will be assigned a letter grade for the 4th Quarter.

All students who have engaged in assignments and worked to the best of their ability during this time will be awarded a letter grade based upon an *average* of the grades earned for the *first, second and third nine weeks*; with the following taken into consideration:

- no 4th nine weeks grade can be lower than what the student earned in the 3rd nine weeks, *unless* a student, despite support from the school, has refused to do any assignments during the 4th nine weeks (this must be approved by the administration).
- if a student excelled during the 4th nine weeks, completed all assignments and worked to the best of their ability, the teacher may reflect that in an increase to the grade for the 4th nine weeks

Grades for the second semester will still be calculated as an average of the grades awarded in the 3rd and 4th nine weeks.

The final grade for the year will still be calculated using the semester 1 average and the semester 2 average.

Students' GPAs will continue to be calculated in the same way they have always been calculated.

This grading system will meet the OHSAA guidelines for a student's athletic eligibility for the Fall 2020 season. Students wanting to participate in fall athletics must earn a passing grade in at least five 1 credit hour courses.