



GRADING GUIDELINES FOR GRADES 9-11

2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

To students in grades 9-11 and their parents:

Thank you for your patience as we have worked to interpret and apply the guidance developed by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) and approved by the State Board of Education (SBE) on April 23, 2020. A team of school and district personnel has developed guidelines and expectations to help answer your questions.

It is important for all students to continue working and learning in order to be prepared for future classes/coursework.

We will share more information and update this information, as necessary, based on additional guidance that we may receive from the state. Thank you for your continued support of your child's school.

COURSE CREDIT FOR 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

Fall Courses: Students will receive the grades earned for fall courses. Fall semester grades will count toward a student's grade point average (GPA).

Spring Courses: Students will be given a choice for how each final course grade will appear on the transcript for yearlong courses and spring semester courses currently in progress.

- Students will choose one of the following options for each final course grade:
 - Option 1: A student may choose to receive a numeric grade either the highest grade representing learning as of March 13 or as improved through the semester as remote learning continued.
 - Option 2: A student may choose to receive a Pass (PC19) and a credit for the course if passing as of March 13 or improved to passing through the semester or they may choose a Withdrawal (WC19) from the course if not passing or not able to complete the work. A withdrawal means no credit will be issued.
- Students will determine how each final course grade will appear on the transcript at the end of the semester after advising from the teacher/school and in consultation with the parent/guardian.
- When students choose to report a numeric grade as the final grade on the transcript, the numeric grade will be calculated into the cumulative grade point average (GPA) weighted accordingly.
- When students choose to report a PC19 or WC19 as the final grade on the transcript, there is no GPA impact when using these grades.
- When students in a yearlong course choose a PC19 or WC19 for the spring portion of the course, the fall term grade will be counted in the GPA.



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ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) COURSES

If your child is enrolled in an Advanced Placement (AP) class for the spring semester, they will follow the same grading guidelines outlined above. Students are strongly encouraged to participate in the AP exam.

- Teachers for the AP courses will continue to provide instruction and test preparation materials until AP testing begins.
- Students may take the AP exam online using any device -- computer, tablet, or smartphone. They also will have the option to write their responses by hand and submit a photo of their responses.
- AP exam dates are May 11-22; the dates and times are set by the College Board. Exams will be 45 minutes. If school buildings reopen on May 18, no exams will be administered by school personnel.
- For more information about AP testing and review resources, visit <https://apcoronavirusupdates.collegeboard.org/students>

CAREER AND COLLEGE PROMISE (CCP)

For students who are enrolled in and will complete a Career and College Promise (CCP) class for the spring semester:

- They will follow the same grading guidelines outlined above.
- If the student passes the CCP course, they will receive both a high school and a college credit.
- The college transcript will include the letter/number grade, regardless of the option chosen for the high school transcript. If a student plans to withdraw from a CCP class, he/she should contact a high school counselor or administrator.

After reading this information carefully, please contact your child's school if you have questions.