

CCCSD Grading Guidelines Overview (June 5, 2020)

As mentioned in our prior communication, we have been working diligently to develop and finalize grading practices for the fourth marking period. In these unprecedented times of at-home learning, we are truly focused upon implementing equitable grading practices for this school year.

As we are in the midst of school closure during the COVID-19 pandemic, we are very aware of the impact on everyone, most importantly your children. It is our intention that students are not negatively impacted by having limited or inconsistent access to learning activities and resources.

Listed below you will find our Grading Practices for the fourth quarter marking period and final averages.

Grading for Elementary Students (K-4) and Middle School Students (5-6)

Families will receive a narrative for the fourth marking period. The narrative will include a summary of student learning activities provided during the final 15 weeks of school. In addition, teachers will provide a reflection of strengths and potential areas of growth representing the first 25 weeks of school focusing upon reading, writing and math.

Grading for Middle School Students (7-8) and High School Students (9-12)

Fall 2019 Semester Courses

- Students will receive a numeric final average
- Final course average will be calculated in the student's GPA

Spring 2020 Semester Courses

- Students will receive a pass or fail for final average
- No numeric final average will be calculated in a student's GPA
- Students who passed quarter three or quarter four, will earn course credit

Fourth Quarter Final Grades

- For all courses, including AP and IB, during Quarter 4, students will receive a "Pass" or "Incomplete". An exception will be Dual Credit Courses which will continue to use traditional grading practices as required by our partner colleges for Quarter 4.
- "Pass" indicates the student has been holistically engaged in learning and has provided evidence of meeting minimum course expectations.

- “Incomplete” indicates the student is currently unable to meet expectations (due to missing assignments, lack of engagement, lack of access to additional assistance or other extenuating circumstances).
 - Students and families can monitor the parent portal for incomplete work
 - Students not completing assignments or providing enough evidence to determine Pass will be referred to their Assistant Principal to determine appropriate access to materials before determining Incomplete
- Infinite Campus Parent Portal may show number grades for assignments; however, they will not be used to calculate an average.

Full Year Courses - Final Average

- Students will receive a numeric grade for their final course averages calculated using one of three formulas, whichever provides the higher score:
 - Average of Q1+Q2 = Final Average
 - Average of Q1+Q2+Q3=Final Average
 - If a student passes any two quarters (including fourth quarter), but average is below 65; the final course average will be 65.
- **Note:** Students who fail the course will be recommended for summer school or to repeat the course in 2020-21. Summer school courses ending in Regents exams will be exempt from taking the Regents exam as per state guidelines.

Final Exams

The Board of Regents has determined that there will be no Regents exams for the 2019-20 school year. CCCSD **will also not** be administering local (Non-Regents) finals during the 2019-20 school year.

How will Regents exam credit be granted? The NYS Board of Regents has established exemptions for the corresponding Regents exam through the following criteria:

- The student is currently enrolled in the course of study culminating in a Regents Exam and by the scheduled date of the June 2020 Regents Examination will have earned credit in such course of study;
- The student is currently enrolled in a course of study culminating in a Regents Examination and has failed to earn credit by the end of the school year. Such student returns for summer instruction to make up the failed course credit and is subsequently granted diploma credit in August 2020; or
- The student was previously enrolled in the course leading to an applicable Regents Examination, has achieved course credit, and has not yet passed the associated Regents Exam but was intending to take the test in June to achieve a passing score.

How will Regents course credit be granted? The student should be granted the diploma credit as long as the student has met the standards assessed in the provided coursework.

See the Commissioner's Regulations [Department Guidance](#) issued March 13, 2020 for more detail