



**Purpose:** This is a summary of the [grading guidance](#) made available to the WCPSS community.

## All Courses

- There will be no final exams in high school.
- No grades will be posted in Quarter 4. It will be left blank. Any updates in grades during remote learning will be added to Quarter 3.
- How students improve their grade during remote learning is a decision by the Professional Learning Team (PLT). Some schools may opt to do this at a department or school level.
- Grades cannot drop lower than March 13 average.
- No Fs will be posted. Students who are failing at the end of the quarter will be withdrawn from classes with a "WC-19" (Withdraw, no penalty to GPA).
- Quarter 3 numeric grades will be stored in PowerSchool as a reference point for all students, but will not be posted to the transcript.
- Where students have a choice to post numeric or "Pass" grade, the default is "Pass." It is the responsibility of the student / family to request that the numeric grade is posted. Each school will communicate a process for this.

## Spring Semester Courses on 4x4 Block

- The Quarter 3 average will be the same as the final grade.
- The student may choose between the numeric average or Pass ("PC-19"). The default grade is a Pass unless the student requests their numeric grade to be posted.

## Yearlong Courses (A/B Day)

- The course will be broken into two half credit courses -- 0.5 credits in the fall and 0.5 credits in the spring.
- Fall semester average (S1 in PowerSchool) will be the grade for the fall half credit. *Students have the opportunity to improve this grade as it was never intended to be posted to the transcript.*
- Spring semester half credit will be based on the Quarter 3 average. There will be NO 4th Quarter grades. As a result, the Quarter 3 average will be the same as the final grade for the spring half credit.

## Promotion & Retention

- Promotion guidelines will be adjusted for this year. In short, a student will be promoted if (1) there is the ability to earn enough credits to graduate on time, AND (2) they have the possibility of being promoted again in 2020-2021 based on the normal promotion guidelines.

## Key Dates / Timelines

- ❑ **May 13** - By this date, all schools will ensure that all students know what their grade (via PowerSchool) was in each course as of March 13.
- ❑ **At Least One Week Before Last Day** - Teachers inform student via PowerSchool of final grades to inform their decision about posting a numeric or "Pass"/"Withdrawal" grade.

## Teacher Checklist

- ❑ Each teacher will communicate to students how they can improve their grades during remote learning.

## Student/Family Checklist

- ❑ Review information shared by each teacher about how students can improve their grade during remote learning.
- ❑ Review PowerSchool in the next few weeks to see changes in course grades. Only grades that improve the course average will be included.
- ❑ Engage with your counselor about any questions about which option to choose with posting grades.
- ❑ Submit a request to post the numeric grade if that is your choice. If you prefer the "Pass" then no action is needed.



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## Grades 9-11 | 2019-2020

