

Glenbard Academic Hot Topics Related to E-Learning

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1. Can I receive grades for the work I am doing during the E-Learning period?

Yes. During the State of Illinois mandated school closure and until April 30th, our current guidance from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) is that we can record grades as long as the scores do not negatively impact a student's grade or otherwise negatively impact a student's academic standing. Grades can increase though, so your grades during these weeks can help you increase your GPA!

2. Why is it important to work hard on E-Learning?

It is critical that students continue to develop their academic skills on a daily basis. Research suggests that students who continue to practice reading, writing, mathematics, and other academic skills will be better prepared for future learning. This is important to ensure that you are prepared for college, careers, and beyond.

Students should use this E-Learning time to develop the skills necessary to be successful in future courses at Glenbard and beyond. During this time, students have the opportunity to improve their grades and GPA. A strong GPA leads to enhanced college and career opportunities in the future.

We understand that some students and families may experience challenges throughout this unprecedented time. Therefore, the grading policy for Glenbard will reflect the guidance from the Illinois State Board of Education, and will not harm a student's academic standing. While students have the opportunity to increase their grade and enhance their GPA, no student's grade will decrease from any E-Learning coursework. In addition, student semester grades will be represented as a 5,4,3 or PASS. A PASS grade is defined as a student earning credit for the course, but not earning a letter grade that would contribute to a GPA.

3. What will be the impact on my academic growth as a result of E-Learning?

It is important for you to stay on track with your learning progress. If you do not work hard to make progress on your learning, you may be impacted in the following ways:

- ❑ **When you return:** If you have not been able to keep up with your essential skills and learning during this time, you may need additional support to ensure that you are ready for the future learning that will take place. The classes that you are going to take at Glenbard in the future will be much more difficult for you if you do not learn the essential skills needed for you to be successful.
- ❑ **After you graduate:** You will be expected to have acquired essential skills and learning during high school. If you do not continue to make progress on your learning, it could jeopardize your success later

in high school. Perhaps most importantly, your learning now is what will prepare you to accomplish your college and career dreams after your time in Glenbard.

4. I am a senior. What do I need to do to ensure that I graduate?

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) has stated that this E-Learning time will not negatively impact a student's current academic standing. If you were on track to graduate before March 16, you are still on track to graduate. If you were **not** on-track to graduate before March 16, you still have an opportunity to raise your grades and potentially put yourself back on track to graduate. If you have specific concerns about graduating, please contact your school counselor. We will continue to provide guidance on this topic.

5. Are we still going to have finals?

Yes. Glenbard will still have final exams May 20-22. Your teachers will be changing your second semester final so that it will focus on you being able to demonstrate your learning in a way that is different than the traditional multiple choice final. You should see these finals as an opportunity for you to demonstrate your understanding and increase your final grades.

Due to the new AP Exam format and schedule, there are AP tests also scheduled during May 20-22. More details about a flexible schedule for finals will be released as we get closer to May. Below is the list of AP tests that overlap with our finals schedule:

May 20 - AP German Language & Culture, AP English Language & Composition, AP Microeconomic

May 21 - AP French Language & Culture, AP World History, AP Macroeconomics

May 22 - AP Comparative Government and Politics, AP Statistics, and AP Spanish Language and Culture

Final Exams are not required for seniors. Seniors' last day remains May 15. Seniors who are in an AP class that has its test scheduled after May 15 are expected to take the AP test for those classes after May 15. To see which senior AP courses have their test scheduled for after May 15, view the full schedule here: [AP Exam Schedule 2020 – AP Coronavirus Updates](#).

6. Are the spring SAT, AP, and ACT tests still taking place?

- ❑ **SAT:** The April 14 in-school SAT test and the May 2nd SAT test have been cancelled
 - ❑ Click here for updates: [Coronavirus Updates for Students Taking the SAT](#)
- ❑ **AP:** For the 2019–20 exam administration only, students will take a 45-minute online free-response exam at home.
 - ❑ AP Exams will take place Monday, May 11 through Friday, May 22. View the full schedule here: [AP Exam Schedule 2020 – AP Coronavirus Updates](#)
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- ❑ Click here for updates: [AP Updates for Schools Affected by Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)
- ❑ **ACT:** The April 4th ACT test has been postponed to June 13th.
- ❑ Click here for updates: [April 2020 National Exam COVID-19 - The ACT Test](#)