

Yarmouth High School
Spring 2020
Credit / No Credit Procedures







Types of assignments: “ESSENTIAL” and “Practice”

- “ESSENTIAL” assignments are those that must be completed successfully for credit during fourth quarter.
 - A course may have no more than 8 ESSENTIAL Assignments for fourth quarter.
 - In order to earn fourth quarter credit, a student must successfully complete **all** ESSENTIAL assignments.
- “Practice” are those activities that should be completed to prepare for ESSENTIAL assignments.
 - Practice activities may appear in PowerSchool -- but they are not *counted* as ESSENTIAL assignments.

Assessment of student work

- If a student shows understanding of the material covered in an ESSENTIAL assignment, s/he will receive “credit” for the assignment.
 - The standard that students need to meet in order to earn credit is not based on a score out of 100% or a letter grade.
 - Teachers will consider what the "minimum" level of skill and content knowledge is for success on each assignment, and if the student meets or exceeds that minimum, s/he earns credit.
 - If an initial attempt does not meet the criteria for “credit,” teachers will give feedback on student work and encourage re-submissions.
- There will be no penalty for the late submission of an ESSENTIAL assignment.

PowerSchool symbols

- The fourth quarter grade is no longer shown as a percentage on a 100-point scale. All fourth quarter grades will be seen as an [i].
 - To see student performance on individual assignments, click on the [i] for a given class to view the assignment list.
- Every assignment features standardized labels:
 - For all ESSENTIAL assignments -- “ESSENTIAL: *Name of Assignment*”
 - If teachers choose to note student performance on practice activities -- “Practice: *Name of activity*”
- For **ESSENTIAL Assignments and Practice activities**:
 - If a student has turned in the assignment, s/he will receive:
 - A  check  if the work meets or exceeds the standard for credit
 - A  Incomplete  if the work does not yet meet the standard for credit
 - Again, teachers will offer students feedback on how to improve the work to earn credit.
 - If a student has not turned in an Essential Assignment by the due date, s/he will receive:
 - An  Missing  to indicate that the assignment has not yet been submitted and is late.

Monitoring student success

- **Very important:**
 - Students will know that they are on track to earn credit if they see a green check on all ESSENTIAL assignments to indicate earned credit for the student to pass for fourth quarter.
 - A blue Incomplete or an orange Missing symbol on any ESSENTIAL assignment indicates that the student is **not** on track to earn credit.
- In order to support students during this final quarter, we will observe two Progress Report dates: Friday, May 8, and Wednesday, May 27.
 - On these dates, teachers will be up-to-date on assessment and will enter comments for students who are not on track to earn credit.
 - Emails will also be sent to students and parents with this information.

Credit not earned

If a teacher determines that a student has not successfully completed all ESSENTIAL assignments and thus has not demonstrated proficiency in required content and skills, the student will be offered **summer learning opportunities** to earn credit.