



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

All Courses

- There will be no final exams in middle 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 will receive a "WC-19" (Withdraw) if they do not pass the class.
- Quarter 3 grades will be stored in PowerSchool as a reference point for all students.
- If a middle school student is enrolled in a High School level course, they have a choice to post numeric or "Pass" (PC-19) grade. The responsibility is on the student / family to request a numeric average post.

What will final grades be based on?

- In a yearlong course; each quarter average (Quarter 1, Quarter 2, and Quarter 3) is to be worth one-third the overall grade.
- For a semester, or quarter course the grade for the student will be based on the quarter grade as of March 13.

How will HS courses in MS be graded?

- Any high school credit course taken in middle school will generate a credit toward graduation if passed, but it will not be calculated into the high school Grade Point Average (GPA) per State Board Policy.
- While these courses are scheduled yearlong, they will be posted as two, one-half credits. They will be divided into a fall and spring half credit.

Promotion & Retention

- Promotion decisions are made by the principal within guidelines set by the school district. Students who were not a retention candidate prior to March 13 are not a retention candidate as a result of the closure / remote learning period. No student will be retained based on their inability to engage in learning during the period of remote learning.

Key Dates / Timelines

- ❑ **May 13** - By this date, all schools will ensure that all students know what their grade was in each course as of March 13.
- ❑ **At Least One Week Before Last Day** - Teachers inform students of final grades in PowerSchool.

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.
- ❑ Contact your child's teacher to schedule a phone/virtual conference, if needed.
- ❑ Engage with your counselor about any questions regarding course selections for next school year.
- ❑ For HS credit courses, submit a request to post the numeric grade if that is your choice. If you prefer the "Pass" then no action is needed.