

Hudson City School District
K-12 Grading Plan Spring 2020 - Extended School Closure

In recognition of the variation in resources and support available to students and families, traditional grading practices have been adjusted. Based on feedback and suggestions from teachers, the administration has established the following alternative grading protocols.

The **Montgomery C. Elementary School** marking periods are based on trimesters. The **Junior High and Senior High Schools** marking periods are based on quarters. Please see each grade level section of this document for grading protocols that apply to your child(ren).

Due to the mandatory school closure, **the current grading period for all grades was closed on Tuesday, March 17, 2020** for all students. Students will not be penalized for work that was due after March 17th, however, student effort and work can and will be utilized to positively impact grades if applicable.

GRADES K-5

GRADING:

The second of three marking periods (trimesters) ended on the final day of the regular session, **March 17, 2020**.

Grades K - 5 are now in the 3rd and final marking period of the 2019-2020 school-year. Current grading policies and practices will continue and remain in effect as best as possible using teacher discretion and with flexibility as it relates to reasonable expectations, timelines and assessment of learning.

At this time we are asking teachers to use their best judgement and experience to determine what should be graded and how it should be graded.

REPORTS CARDS:

Report cards will be available in Parent Portal on **Wednesday, April 15th** and paper copies will be made available upon request starting **Friday, April 17th** by emailing konderwicl@hudsoncsd.org or by leaving a message at 518-828-4360 Ext. 1117.

GRADES 6-12

The **third quarter marking period** ended on the final day of the regular session, **March 17, 2020**. Grades during the third quarter will be determined as follows:

GRADING:

- No “zeros” or penalties will be recorded into grades for students who did not complete or hand in assignments due to absences on March 16 & 17.
- No “zeros” will be given for work not handed in or an assessment not completed during the initial closure period (March 18 - April 1).
- No assignments covering new material will be calculated into final grades during the initial school closure period (March 18 to April 1).
- Flexibility as it relates to reasonable expectations, timelines and assessments of learning should be exercised and “compassionate grading” implemented according to teacher discretion.
- Quizzes, tests or other assessments may still be graded as indicated in your course syllabus.

The **fourth quarter marking period** begins today, **March 30th**. Grades during the fourth quarter will be determined as follows:

- Teachers will continue to grade student work during the 4th quarter and provide students and parents with relevant feedback on the work that was submitted. Teachers have been encouraged to be flexible and modify expectations when appropriate to err on the side of the child.
- Continuing to grade student work will maintain the academic achievement that we expect from our students. It will also maintain the integrity of GPAs that impact college admissions, class rank, eligibility for accelerated courses, etc.
- During this time teachers will not post grades into eSD until such time as a determination is made regarding Regents Examinations, however, individual questions regarding student grades should be communicated to teachers and administrators via email.

REPORT CARDS:

Report cards will be available in Parent Portal on **Wednesday, April 15th** and paper copies will be made available upon request from the JHS and SHS starting **Friday April 17th** by contacting the following staff:

- **Grades 6 - 8** pulvers@hudsoncsd.org or leave a message at 518-828-4360 Ext. 8308
- **Grades 9 - 12** hooses@hudsoncsd.org or by leaving a message at 518-828-4360 Ext. 3111

Quarterly averages will be computed as indicated in your course syllabus.

- The **third marking period** ended on the final day of the regular session, **March 17, 2020**.
- Teachers must have final grades in the portal by **April 6th**.
- Students will be able to review grades beginning on **April 7th** and have until **April 14th** to notify the teacher and their school counselor if they want the grade changed to:
 - **PASSING** for grades 65 and above. *The teacher will then change the grade to P in eSD.*
 - **INCOMPLETE** for grades 64 and below. The teacher will then change the grade to INC in eSD.
 - For incomplete (INC) the student **will have until June 2nd to complete work necessary to earn a passing grade**. At which time they can choose PASSING or the grade earned.

NOTES:

- **College-level courses** - will follow the grading guidance provided by the respective institution of higher education.
- **NYS Regents Examinations** - As of the date of this correspondence, the NYS Education Department has made no decision regarding the June Regents Exams. The district will continue to update parents as the state provides more information.