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Remote Learning Grading Policy

Dear HSSL Families,

As we continue to move forward with remote learning, I want to thank you for your hard work and flexibility in supporting your children. I know that this adjustment has been difficult for each of us, but we will continue to support one another and collaborate on strategies and ideas that best support the academic and social emotional well-being of our young people.

A big part of addressing the needs of our students, is taking a careful look at their progress and determining what steps need to be taken in this new environment. With equity, flexibility and support at the forefront of our decision making, **we have decided to merge marking period 2 and 3, with final grades determined at the end of the term, allowing more opportunity to make up work.** You will be able to view your child's progress by logging into your PupilPath account. **This means that your child will still receive a numerical grade that showcases their current standing in each class. Final grades/ report cards will be determined at the end of the term in June.**

Please note that on the progress report:

- *Any grade of 65 or higher is considered a passing grade
- *Any grade below 65 is considered failing

Important Parent Information

The Department of Education released the new citywide grading policy for the determination of final grades as outlined below.

1. If your child's final grades are failing, they will automatically receive a grade of NX (course in progress)
2. If your child did not produce sufficient work to determine a final grade, they will automatically receive a grade of NX (course in progress)
3. If your child's final grades are passing, you the parent or guardian will have **TWO** options.

OPTION 1: The final grade remains with our existing numerical scale (Example: 85%)

OR

OPTION 2: The final grade can be a CR (credit) which equates to a passing grade but does not get averaged into their overall grade point average (GPA)

Please note that for final grade determinations:

*You the parent or guardian has the right to revise your grading preference (for passing grades only) by November 30, 2020. Parents may choose the CR option for all passing courses or for specific passing courses (ex. Math only)

*If a student receives a grade of NX in a course that culminates in a regents exam, they must make up the work by August 2020 to get the exemption for the regents exam. (refer to regents exemption letter)

*Students have until January 2021 to complete outstanding coursework for grades of NX.

To help maintain open lines of communication, we encourage you to

1. Discuss with your child how they are managing their school work
2. Reach out to teachers/ guidance counselors if there are any questions or concerns regarding academic progress
3. Log into PupilPath to view the most up to date information regarding grades in each course (reach out to Parent Coordinator Bernard Thomas for assistance)
4. Reach out to our Parent Coordinator Bernard Thomas at bthomas@hsslinc.org and provide your email address so that you can be connected to their Google Classroom accounts and receive updates regarding remote learning.

We thank you for your partnership.

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