

June 9, 2021

Dear Middle Level Parents and Guardians,

## The information in this letter only applies to those students taking high school level courses (World Language level II, Algebra and Geometry).

We hope this letter finds you and your family safe and healthy as we end the 2020-2021 school year. Below is information regarding the grading guidelines we will use at all three middle schools to assess your child's progress and assign a grade for the marking period for the specific high school courses listed above. Please know that we understand that the teaching and learning process during this pandemic has not been the same as it would have been if we were all together for the entire school year. Having said that, we want to assign grades in a fair and equitable manner to mirror the options being provided at the high school. Algebra, Geometry and World Language level II classes have a "Pass" option due to the potential impact on the future grade point average on the high school transcript. Please click this <u>High School Grade Reporting Guidelines - Students and Parents link</u> for additional information on high school assessing and reporting.

## Middle School Assessing and Reporting Guidelines

- Students will earn the cumulative grade earned in each class throughout the school year including hybrid, distance and in person learning. Any cumulative grade below a 59.5 is considered a failing grade.
- Students who have earned a cumulative percentage grade of 60% or higher in any high school credit class will have the choice of:
  - Opting for the grade they have earned during the school year including the scores earned during distance learning.
    - OR
  - Opting for a "Pass" for the class.
- Students currently enrolled in High School Level courses (Spanish II, French II, Algebra and Geometry) will be assessed under the high school guidelines.

The process of offering students the option of a "PASS" instead of the letter grade they would have earned is described below. This applies only for grades of 60% or higher.

- Each middle school will send a standard <u>Google Form</u> to all students in their courses by Wednesday, June 9th.
- The student is required to complete and submit the form by Tuesday, June 15th, 2021. If students do not respond to the <u>Google Form</u>, a letter grade will be assigned to the student as a default.
- Teachers will enter a "P" for students who are opting for a "Pass" instead of the grade they earned.
- Please note that the last day of **new material** being posted on Google Classroom will be Friday, June 11th. Please work with your child to ensure that they complete any assignments that still need to be completed. Please note that projects assigned prior to June 11th will still be in progress and assessed by the teacher.
- Once all grades are posted, parents and students will have an opportunity to review all final entries through report cards.
- Term 4 reporting marks will be posted in Infinite Campus on Friday, June 18th.

Thank you for your support, as always, and please reach out to a member of the Administrative Team if you have any specific questions about the guidelines.

Warm Regards,

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