

Grades 9-11 FAQs Regarding Grading

Students and Families of Students in Grades 9, 10, and 11:

On Friday, March 27, 2020, the North Carolina State Board of Education (BOE) issued guidelines for school districts in regards to student grades and graduation requirements for Seniors. At Asheboro High School and throughout the district, we are working diligently to provide remote learning opportunities so that all students may be successful this school year. We are using a three-part plan to ensure access for our students which includes.

- Families may access Park and Learns in parking lots across the Asheboro City Schools service area as long as they don't exit their cars. Each location is open daily from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Take-home packets are available for students without home access to the Internet.
- The district is working with our highest-need students to provide hotspots in order to gain Internet access at home.

Below we have compiled a list of frequently-asked questions specific to students in grades 9-11. If you need clarification on any of the following FAQs, please feel free to contact us at (336) 625-6185.

1. Is the work I am doing remotely going to be graded as if I were receiving face-to-face instruction?

- At this time, we have begun issuing grades. *Note, we are using a "Hold Harmless" scenario.
 - This means grades as of the last day students were in school (Friday, March 13) are the lowest a student can earn. These grades will be reflected as the Quarter 3 grades.
 - The work in which students are engaging can only improve their grades - not lower them.
 - For grades 9-11, students will get numerical grades as normal.

2. How will my year-long Math 1/English I or Math 2/English II courses be graded?

- This is a two part equation:
 - First part is to weight Q1, Q2, Q3 as 33.3% each.
 - Then at the end of Q4, weigh Q1, Q2, Q3, and Q4 as 25% each.
 - Whichever is the higher average is the final grade.

3. What about courses at Randolph Community College (RCC)?

- Students need to continue to diligently take these courses seriously. While dropping these courses will be reflected with a WC19 on your HIGH SCHOOL transcript, your community college transcript will reflect your

These course of actions are as of March 31, 2020. If the SBOE, state or federal government changes guidelines, further changes may be necessary. Update on 4/2/2020

actual letter grade. Dropping your RCC course at this time could also impact your future financial aid awards by RCC and other colleges/universities.

4. What about Advanced Placement (AP) courses?

- Students also need to continue to take these courses seriously. These courses will have a numerical grade for students in grades 9-11. AP is making it possible for students to continue to earn college credit by passing the AP exam.

5. What if I know a student is diagnosed with COVID 19 or is caring for someone with COVID 19?

- Please inform your teachers and/or Dr. Crooks if you are diagnosed with COVID 19 or are caring for someone who has been.

Students - we know these are challenging and unprecedented times. And I understand it is hard to stay engaged and motivated. Please know how hard your teachers are working every single day to provide a level of learning and engagement that is meaningful, but not overwhelming. I encourage you to make lemonade out of lemons! Although we're not physically together, we are still with you. We are supporting you and we want you to be with us.

Please contact me if you have any questions,

Thank you,

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Principal