

Class of 2020 FAQs

Graduation Requirements and Grading

Seniors and Senior Parents:

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, and so that our Seniors graduate, this spring. 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 our Seniors and graduation requirements. If you need clarification on any of the following FAQs, please feel free to contact us at (336) 625-6185.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. How will Seniors be addressed?

- We are working very closely with our Seniors to ensure they meet graduation requirements via remote learning. We are placing special emphasis on those Seniors who are not meeting expectations as of Friday, March 13 (the last day we had students in our buildings). North Carolina's graduation requirements include:
 - 4 English,
 - 4 Math,
 - 3 Science,
 - 4 Social Studies,
 - 1 Health and P/E, and
 - 6 electives (including 2 electives in any combination from CTE, Arts Education, or World Languages)
 - for a TOTAL of 22 credits by North Carolina standards.

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

2. What about Spring Courses?

- Seniors will receive a Pass "PC19" or Withdrawal "WC19" based on their grade as of March 13 for spring courses. If the student has an F (<60%) as of March 13 for graduation requirements, we will provide as many opportunities as we can for the student to improve to a passing grade.
- This means that all Seniors (and Seniors ONLY) will get one of two grades for their graduation course requirements. A PC19 or a WC19. PC19 and WC19 will NOT factor into a student's final GPA.

3. What if a student had less than a 60% as of March 13?

- We encourage all Seniors to participate in the current remote learning through AHS. This gives the senior an opportunity to raise his/her grade to above a 60% in order to pass the course.
- If you or your student was not passing (<60%) as of March 13 and remote learning continues to be a barrier, please contact Dr. Crooks and we will try our best to ensure opportunities for the student to earn credit for the course.

4. What about the North Carolina Virtual Public School? Can Seniors enroll in these virtual courses?

- Yes, but it is not advised. We do not know from what point the class will start, what level of support the students will receive, or the individualized monitoring our teachers can best provide. We strongly encourage students not passing to contact us first, so that we may determine the best course of action.

5. What about courses Seniors are taking that are not graduation requirements?

- For seniors currently enrolled and passing elective courses beyond state graduation requirements, credit can be awarded as described in this document.
 - See bullets 2 and 3 (above).

6. What about Seniors that have not yet met their CPR requirements?

- CPR requirements for those who have not yet met them have been waived for the graduating Class of 2020.

7. What about Senior Grade Point Average (GPA)?

- Senior GPA is essentially frozen as of the Fall 2019 semester. In other words, a Senior's GPA will be recorded as it was during the Fall 2019 semester.

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

- Students need to continue to diligently take these courses seriously. While passing these courses will be reflected with a PC19 on your HIGH SCHOOL transcript, your community college transcript will reflect your actual letter grade. Dropping your RCC course at this time could also impact your future financial aid awards by RCC and other colleges/universities.

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10. What about Advanced Placement (AP) courses?

- Students also need to continue to take these courses seriously. As with the other courses mentioned above, AP courses will also be given PC19 or WC19 grades. AP is making it possible for students to continue to earn college credit by passing the AP exam.

11. 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, especially if you have met all your graduation requirements. Understand that you need to continue to complete remote learning because these learning opportunities are providing you with content needed beyond high school. The teachers are selecting critical content to prepare you for college or careers beyond high school. 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,

Penny Crooks, PhD.
Principal