

Licking Heights Local Schools

March - May 2020 5 -12 Grading Plan

Dear Hornet Families:

The COVID-19 impact on our school and community is rapidly changing, therefore our action plan and response must evolve accordingly. Since teaching and learning has shifted from its typical form to a virtual one, the grading practices should also change. We believe that virtual learning should not have an adverse impact on student grades. Therefore, Licking Heights Local Schools will shift to a pass (P)(meets expectations)/making progress(M) toward expectations and needs improvement (F) system for students in grades K - 12 for the fourth nine weeks. This will be converted to a letter grade for the semester average in grades 5 - 12.

Fourth Quarter Grades/Interim Grades

Teachers will evaluate students as either Pass (P), Making Progress (M), Fail (F) or Incomplete (I). Pass will be defined as evidence of learning that was consistently at 80% or above. All "P" grades will convert to 4.0 in a student's GPA; students in AP/Honors/CCP will have their passing mark calculated according to their respective point value scale. All "M" grades will be defined as a student that is between 60 - 79%. All "M" grades will convert to a 2.0 in a student's GPA. A grade of an "I" will be entered for insufficient evidence of learning or evidence that does not meet the criteria, due to a medical issue or other extenuating circumstance. Once documentation is provided, a student will be awarded an "I" and given an opportunity to earn a passing grade by August 1 through APEX/Compass Learning. If this work is not completed by August 1, the "I" will then be changed to a "F". The letter grade of "F" should only be given if willful negligence of the class is demonstrated. A team consisting of the teacher and counselor would need to provide evidence that repeated contact was made with the student and family to engage in distance learning, and there were no substantial life events preventing the student from engaging in distance learning. An "F" will calculate as a 0.0 in a student's GPA.

Exam and Second Semester Grades

There will not be high school exams during distance learning. The second semester grade will be calculated as a letter grade based on the average from the third and fourth quarter point values. For example, a student who earned a C (2.0) for the third quarter and a "P" (4.0) for the fourth quarter, will receive a B (3.0) for the semester average.

College Credit Plus (CCP) classes will be calculated based on the institution's standards.

OHSAA, College Admissions and NCAA Eligibility

The Ohio High School Athletic Association will count passing (P) and making progress (M) grades as credit toward that course, which will be sufficient to maintain eligibility for Fall athletic participation. Just a reminder a student must have a 2.0 GPA or higher for eligibility. Because second semester averages will be letter grades, there will be no impact on calculations for college admissions or for the NCAA Eligibility Center.

We hope you and your loved ones are doing well at this time. If you have any questions, please contact your child's principal or school counselor.