

May 5, 2020

Grading for students in grades 9-11

Good afternoon Sandy High families,

I hope this message finds you and your family healthy. Only 24 days are remaining in the 2019-2020 school year. Though our qualifying seniors may have concluded their high school career, there is still plenty of content to be covered with our 9-11 grade students between now and June 9th.

The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) has provided us guidance for grading students for their second semester of the 2019-2020 school year. Consequently, report card grades will be Pass (P) or Incomplete (I) for all secondary students (grades 6-12). The grades are to be a reflection of a student's performance up to the school closure date of March 13th. The ODE's guidance also creates the capacity for a student to improve a grade between the closure date and the end of the school year.

We recognize distance learning has placed undue stressors on everyone and has caused some students to fall behind and others to stop attending. All is not lost. Students may pick up where they left off or join their teachers and classmates where they are currently.

Our teachers have done an amazing job reimagining the delivery of education through the new distance learning model. They recognize the need for students to continue connecting socially, emotionally, and academically and strive to keep them engaged in this new model to minimize the disruption this closure will have on their education next year. The content our students will receive between now and the end of the school year will be critical in helping to bridge the gap between the current model and coming back to school full time.

Next year really starts now. We don't want anyone to miss out on the opportunity to rise above this challenge, stay connected, and grow into the future. Tomorrow holds in it great promise, and we encourage everyone to stay the course and be well!

Sincerely,

Superintendent Aaron Bayer

Grades 9-11, grading system for 2019-2020 school year, second semester:

- Pass/Incomplete grading system in effect for report cards for the remainder of this school year.
- This temporary grading system will not harm a student's GPA.
- Maintains Oregon's current requirement of 24 credits for every high school student.
- Credits acquired during distance learning will be arrived at by achieving passing marks prior to the school closure on March 13th and performance through the end of the year. Students not receiving a passing mark prior to the school closure will have every opportunity to achieve a passing mark between now and June 9th. If a student is unsuccessful, the student will receive an incomplete (I) and will work with the school to create a Credit Earning Assurance Plan to recover the credit. Students will then have until the end of next school year, June 2021, to earn credit through an independent study with their teacher.