

San Dieguito Union High School District

Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement

E 5121

Students

Spring 2020 Board Policy 5121 Exhibit

- In order to hold all students harmless, final term grades are based on the 3rd quarter grade which can only be improved by 4th quarter work. This is a temporary change in grading policy that will apply only to Spring 2020 final term grades.
- **Middle Schools** All students will receive a mark of **Credit** or **No Credit (CR/NC)** on the final Spring 2020 report card in June.
- **High Schools** All students will receive a mark of **Credit** or **No Credit (CR/NC)** for the final spring term grade on the transcript. Students may request the assignment of a distance learning letter grade by **June 5, 2020 at 3:00 pm**. Distance learning letter grades will count toward the cumulative GPA; grades of Credit or No Credit will not count toward the cumulative GPA.
- Credit/No Credit will be the default grades issued on student transcripts. Students wishing to have Credit/No Credit posted on their transcript do not need to take any additional steps.
- All students are expected to participate in class meetings and to complete all course assignments and assessments as usual. The grade model a student chooses for final grades (CR/NC or letter) does not result in different expectations in the courses. The standards are the same for all students - the only difference is the type of final grade recorded on the transcript at the end of the term.
- Curriculum, instruction, and assessment shall remain the same, whether students choose Credit or select a distance learning letter grade. In consideration of giving students the opportunity to request a distance learning letter grade in lieu of Credit and to ensure the health and welfare of students, it is understood that students will not request additional new or retroactive assignments, projects, or assessments for the sole purpose of improving a letter grade at this time.
- In the Credit/No Credit grade model, students need to achieve a 60% or higher in order to earn a Credit on the transcript. Students who do not meet the minimum expectations to pass a class (i.e., those who earn lower than 60%) will earn a No Credit mark on the transcript.
- Students who do not have sufficient data to be assigned a Distance Learning letter grade may be issued a Credit/No Credit mark.
- Students who are unable to demonstrate proficiency may be issued No Credit (NC) if they have not shown improvement and summer intervention or additional opportunities will be provided to make up work to receive credit. NC will not negatively impact a student GPA.
- Current seniors who were on track for graduation when we were forced to close, will remain eligible to graduate. (SDUHSD Coronavirus Update #15)

- Only students who want a distance learning letter grade in any course for final Spring 2020 term grades will need to submit a selection. Letter grade selections must be submitted by the educational rights holder (legal parent/guardian or adult student) only via a provided district form that will be sent out by each school's administrative team on Tuesday, May 26, 2020. This request must be made by **NO LATER THAN 3:00 PM ON FRIDAY, June 5, 2020.**

Each school site will communicate grading information to students and families.

La Costa Canyon High School and Torrey Pines High School (Semester System):

Students attend alternating daily class schedules and complete a semester in 18 weeks to earn a final grade with ~90 days of instruction. Therefore, the April 3 grade is a progress report marking the halfway completion of the semester. LCC and TP parents/guardians will need to review the 3rd quarter progress report card, which is posted in the Aeries parent portal on the Grades screen. LCC and TP parents/guardians may request a letter grade based on the 3rd quarter progress report grade as the final semester grade in June. Only students who want a distance learning letter grade based on the 3rd quarter progress report for Spring 2020 final term grades need to submit a request to LCC or TP. Selection of letter grades must be submitted by the educational rights holder (legal parent/guardian or adult student) and **can only be made via the *Letter Grade Selection form* that will be sent out by each school site administrative team on Tuesday, May 26, 2020. This request must be made by NO LATER THAN 3:00 PM ON FRIDAY, June 5, 2020. Grade selections are permanent and cannot be changed after June 5, 2020.**

Canyon Crest Academy and San Dieguito High School Academy (4x4 System):

Students attend each class every day and complete a semester in 9 weeks to earn a final grade with ~45 days of instruction. Therefore, the April 3 grade is a first semester final grade with credits earned (reference Coronavirus Update #15, March 30, 2020). On April 13, students started new 2nd semester classes with new gradebooks at CCA and SDA, the 3rd quarter letter grade held students harmless pursuant to the state definition (Coronavirus Update #15 3/30/2020). For quarter 4, the 3rd quarter grade for the same course may be used as a hold harmless benchmark if assigning a distance letter grade for the course.

Only students who want a distance learning letter grade for Spring 2020 final term grades need to submit a request to CCA or SDA. Selection of distance learning letter grades **can only be made via the *Letter Grade Selection form* that will be sent out by each school site administrative team on Tuesday, May 26, 2020. This request must be made by NO LATER THAN 3:00 PM ON FRIDAY, June 5, 2020. Grade selections are permanent and cannot be changed after June 5, 2020.**

This information and relevant supporting materials will remain available on district and school websites and will be posted on report cards for middle schools and on official transcripts and school profiles for high schools.

Middle School - Report Card Notation

There will be a notation on final June 2020 report cards.

High School - Official Transcript Notation

Consistent with the published Distance Learning Plan, there will be a notation on official transcripts.

High School - School Profiles

School profiles will contain a statement consistent with the published Distance Learning Plan about the unique circumstances and challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic and school closures in Spring 2020.

An addendum will accompany official transcripts mailed after June 2020. The 2020-2021 school profile is developed for each high school in fall 2020 using information for that year's senior class (current 11th graders).

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