



Class of 2020

What will final grades be?

In keeping with a new grading policy adopted by the state school board on April 23, third quarter report cards will show student progress through March 13, the last day prior to school closures.

- Seniors will receive a grade of **Pass (PC19)** or **Withdraw (WC19)** for the spring semester.
- Grades of PC19 (pass) or WC19 (withdrawal) will not be counted in student GPAs for semester or year-long courses.
- GPAs will be calculated using numerical grades and quality points from the first semester only.

What does a grade of Withdraw (WC19) mean?

Overview

- A grade of **Withdraw (WC19)** means **the student has not yet passed the course.**
- Students who were failing prior to March 13 can still make-up missed work remotely and earn a passing grade and credit toward high school graduation. (All seniors must meet earn 22 credits to graduate.) Students who receive a final grade of **Withdraw (WC19) will be given opportunities to make up the missed material and recover the credit.**
- 3rd quarter report cards are being mailed to students. Families with questions should contact their school.
- NC colleges and universities indicate that they see the plan for graduating seniors to be reasonable and do not foresee any negative impact on students who have already been admitted to their institutions or awarded scholarships. They also have been asked to extend grace and flexibility to any waitlisted students or those who were using the spring semester of 2020 to try to meet a certain benchmark.

What grades will graduating Seniors receive this year?

Only the state minimum graduation requirements of 22 credits will apply to the graduating Class of 2020

- **Fall Courses:** Students will receive grades for fall courses as already stored, year-long and semester. Fall grades will count toward GPA.
 - ✓ For year-long courses, the fall term grade will be counted into the GPA.
 - ✓ For fall semester-long courses, the final course grade will be counted into the GPA.
- **Spring Courses:** Students will receive a Pass "PC19" or Withdrawal "WC19" based on their learning as of March 13 for all spring courses in progress on that date. If the student had an F as of March 13 for graduation requirements, districts/schools shall provide remote learning opportunities for the student to improve to a passing grade.
- Students who had a Pass (PC19) in all courses required for graduation have met requirements for graduation and do not need to continue participation in remote learning opportunities.
- Students who have not met graduation requirements will be given the opportunity to meet these requirements with support from counselors. Opportunities for seniors to pass graduation requirements include:
 - ✓ participate in remote learning through the school
 - ✓ enroll in NC Virtual Public School as needed
 - ✓ participate in credit recovery aligned to instructional topics covered through March 13

What about the CPR Requirement that my student was unable to complete before COVID-19?

The NC State Board of Education has waived the CPR requirement for the graduating Class of 2020.

What about Occupational Course of Study (OCS) students?

- An OCS student planning to graduate in spring 2020 can meet the "paid work hours" graduation requirement by completing 157 hours rather than the original requirement of 225 hours. Students will still work with teachers to complete portfolio requirements.