

Frequently Asked Questions

End of Year Grading and Student Promotion



What happens between now and the end of the school year?

- To prevent learning loss, remote learning will continue for grades K-11 to cover the key concepts needed to be successful in the next course or grade level.
- Report cards for the 3rd quarter will be mailed to show work completed through March 13th, the last day prior to school closure. (Early and Middle Colleges who completed the 3rd quarter prior to March 13th will only receive their 3rd quarter grade as already stored.)

Will my child receive final grades for this school year?

Elementary Students-Grades K-5

- Grades K-5 students will not receive a final grade.
- Teachers will provide year-end written feedback for students/families based on their learning this school year on the end of year report card.
- Feedback will reflect what students have completed during remote learning based on the 5-7 key concepts from each course and grade level.

Middle School Students-Grades 6-8

- Grades 6-8 students will receive a final course grade of Pass (PC19) or Withdraw (WC19).
- Teachers will provide year-end written feedback for students based on their learning this school year on the end of year report card.
- Feedback will be used to help transition students into the 2020-2021 school year.
- Withdraw (WC19) does not mean the student failed the course and does not mean students need to repeat a grade.
 Withdraw (WC19) means there is a lack of evidence the student completed the concepts needed to be successful in the next course.
- Middle school students enrolled in high school courses will follow grading options listed below for Grades 9-11.
- Students will receive course credit for high school courses but, as in existing policy, the grade will not be counted in the GPA
 calculation.

High School Students-Grades 9-11

- According to the North Carolina State Board of Education, students have a choice in what appears on their transcript.
- The final report card grade will be based on the 3rd quarter grade:
 - A numeric grade is shown for students with grades 80 and above.
 - A Pass (PC19) is shown for students who had a numeric grade of 60-79.
 - A Withdraw (WC19) is shown for students who had a numeric grade below 60.
- Students with a Withdraw (WC19) will receive a credit once they work to improve the grade to a Pass (PC19).
- Students who wish to make changes from a numeric grade to a Pass (PC19) or a Pass (PC19) to a numeric grade may do so after an individual session with the school counselor. Contact your child's school with questions.

Students in year-long courses

• If a student's grade at the end of remote learning is higher than their recorded grade at the end of the first semester, the average of the two scores (the final grade) will replace the semester 1 grade, the semester 2 grade and the final grade. For example, if a student received a 70 in NC Math 2 for the semester 1 grade and improves to an 80 during remote learning, he/she will receive a final grade of 75. The 75 will also replace the semester 1 grade and the semester 2 grade.

Will my child be promoted to the next grade?

- Student promotion and retention will remain the decision of the school principal and staff.
- Schools will primarily focus on those retention cases that were already well underway prior to March 13 for reasons other than the impact of the COVID-19.