

# Iredell-Statesville Schools

## ISS Grading Guidance for COVID19 Closure

*Current as of April 2, 2020*

The state made several decisions late on Friday, March 27, that will impact students', especially seniors', final grades for the end of the semester during the COVID19-related school closure. These are some key notes that have been discussed in our groups this week. We wanted to have all the information in one place.

### May Graduates Class of 2020

#### Graduation Requirement Courses

May Graduates of 2020 will only be required to meet the State's 22 Graduation Requirements.

Includes:

- 4 English credits (I, II, III, IV)
- 4 Math credits (Math 1, 2, 3 and a 4th math aligned with post high school plans)
- 3 Science credits (a physical science, Biology and Earth/Environmental)
- 4 Social Studies (Civics & Economics, American History I & II, World History)
- 1 Health and Physical Education Credit
- 2 Elective credits of any combination from either:
  - CTE,
  - Arts Education or
  - World Languages
- 4 Elective credits from the following (4 course concentration recommended):
  - CTE
  - ROTC
  - Arts Education (ex. Dance, music, theater arts, visual arts)
  - Any other subject area of cross-disciplinary courses (ex. Math, Science, Social Studies, English and Dual Enrollment Courses)

#### Grading Requirements

##### Grading and GPA for May Graduates Class of 2020

- o Fall grades will count toward GPA
  - Yearlong courses - the fall term grade will be counted into the GPA
  - Semester long courses - the final course grade will be counted into the GPA.
- o Spring Courses - Students will receive a Pass COVID19 (PC19) or Withdrawal COVID19 (WC19) based on third nine week grades (March 18<sup>th</sup>).
- o PC19 – Pass COVID19 Credit earned, doesn't count toward GPA
- o WC19 – Withdrawal COVID19 No Credit earned, doesn't count toward GPA

- o If a student has an “F” as of the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> Nine Weeks (March 18<sup>th</sup>), they will be provided the opportunity to improve to a passing grade. Students must have a PC19 for all Graduation Requirement classes.
- o If you are taking a class at Mitchell Community College and complete the course this term, you will receive the grade on the official transcript from MCC and a PC19 or WC19 will be added to the student’s high school transcript.
- o VISS and NCVPS are following these same guidelines for the May 2020 Graduates
- o AP Classes – the College Board has modified the exam this spring to be taken at home, online and has been shortened to 45 minutes. May 2020 Graduates will receive PC19 or WC19 based on the 3<sup>rd</sup> nine weeks’ grade.
- o Final Rank for the May Graduates will come from the Rank calculated at the end of the 1st Semester (December, 2019)

## **Freshman, Sophomores and Juniors**

### **Graduation Requirement Courses**

Non-Graduating Students will be required to meet the District’s Graduation Requirements of 28 Credits.

Includes:

- 4 English credits (I, II, III, IV)
- 4 Math credits (Math 1, 2, 3 and a 4th math aligned with post high school plans)
- 3 Science credits (a physical science, Biology and Earth/Environmental)
- 4 Social Studies (Civics & Economics, American History I & II, World History)
- 1 Health and Physical Education Credit
- 2 Elective credits of any combination from either:
  - CTE,
  - Arts Education or
  - World Languages
- 4 Elective credits from the following (4 course concentration required):
  - CTE
  - ROTC
  - Arts Education (ex. Dance, music, theater arts, visual arts)
  - Any other subject area of cross-disciplinary courses (ex. Math, Science, Social Studies, English and Dual Enrollment Courses)
- 6 additional Elective credits

### **Grading Requirements**

All Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors will receive grades for the 4<sup>th</sup> nine weeks. There will be NO exam grade counting 20%. Teachers may administer exams that will calculate in the 4<sup>th</sup> nine weeks’ average. The student’s 3<sup>rd</sup> Nine Weeks grade and 4<sup>th</sup> Nine Weeks grade will be averaged to calculate your 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Final Grade. The Final Grade for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester will count in the student’s GPA and Rank.

- o If you are taking a class at Mitchell Community College and are able to complete the course this term, you will receive the grade from MCC and the grade will be added to the student’s transcript.

- o If you are taking a class at Mitchell Community College and are not able to complete the course this term, you will receive from MCC an INC with the option to complete the course this summer or next year at no additional cost. Then the student will receive either a PC19 or WC19 based on a passing grade as the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> nine weeks and that code will be added to the student's transcript.
- o VISS and NCVPS will continue as normal and students will receive grades
- o AP Classes – the College Board has modified the exam this spring to be taken at home, online and has been shortened to 45 minutes. Non-graduates will receive a grade for the 4<sup>th</sup> nine weeks and will average with the 3<sup>rd</sup> nine weeks for the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester final grade.

## **Grades 6-8**

### **Grading Requirements**

All students in grades 6-8 will receive grades for the 4<sup>th</sup> nine weeks. There will be NO exam grade counting 20% for EOC classes. Teachers may administer exams that will calculate in the 4<sup>th</sup> nine weeks' average. The student's 3<sup>rd</sup> Nine Weeks grade and 4<sup>th</sup> Nine Weeks grade will be averaged to calculate your 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester then 1st Semester will average with 2nd semester to get the Final Grade.

- o VISS and will continue as normal and students will receive grades

### **A few other Items:**

There will be no End of Grade, End of Course, NC Final Exams or CTE Assessments this year. Spring Workkeys have been cancelled.

ACT Scores taken in February will be mailed to the student.