

## **GUIDING VALUES: EQUITY, INTEGRITY, RESPECT, AND EXCELLENCE**

We are aware that traditional grading is not an equitable way to assess student learning during this time of crisis, which has produced increased anxiety and stress for many of our OUSD families. Along with CDE guidance regarding equity and grading, all students will be held harmless and given multiple opportunities to improve their grades before the end of the semester. Grading in the COVID-19 pandemic will be guided by principles of fairness and empathy. OUSD has a commitment to foster and implement an interim grading protocol that ensures a lens of equity and focuses on the primary goal of doing no harm to students.

## **ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL: TRIMESTER 3 REPORTING**

### **GRADES TK-8**

Grades TK through 8 will have grade options that include:

- o Pass w/Distinction
- o Pass
- o Foreign Language/HS Math courses in Middle School will encompass A-C scale to ensure a lens of equity and a focus on the primary goal of doing no harm to students, as recommended by the California Department of Education.

## **HIGH SCHOOL: QUARTER 4 REPORTING**

### **GRADES 9-12**

Grades 9-12 will be graded on an A-C scale to ensure a lens of equity and a focus on the primary goal of doing no harm to students, as recommended by the California Department of Education.

This Grading Protocol will include teacher opportunity for written comments in order for site leaders and District Office staff to identify any struggling students for summer/fall interventions.

## **WE WILL PROVIDE A SAFE, EQUITABLE, AND INNOVATIVE CULTURE OF LEARNING FOR EACH SCHOLAR TO HAVE A COMPETITIVE EDGE AS A LEADER**

The OUSD Interim Grading Protocol fosters the District Core Values of Equity, Integrity, Respect, and Excellence. It provides students a combination of traditional grades and Pass with Distinction / Pass which affords students a wider opportunity for success. During this dismissal window, students can engage in distance learning to enhance concepts and standards learned throughout the year while improving their grades. It also does not place our students at a disadvantage when considering post-secondary options.