

Weslaco ISD Grading Procedures for the Sixth Six Weeks and Final Grades for the 2019-2020 School Year

TEA Guidance on Grading: Each district has the authority to adopt its own grading policy. District may wish to modify grading policies to account for providing instruction in a district learning format. Educators should try to focus on getting sufficient information to determine levels of proficiency for students to ensure they are prepared to be academically successful moving into the next school year.

<https://tea.texas.gov/texas-schools/health-safety-discipline/coronavirus-covid-19-support-and-guidance>

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ALL LEVELS

All of the instruction during the sixth six weeks, April 15-May 22, 2020, has been during a period of school closure. The instruction has been home-based in an electronic or paper format.

If the student submits assignments, electronically or on paper, it will be reviewed to help determine the student's grade for the sixth six weeks.

Teachers are directed to follow the guidelines set forth in this document and in the Weslaco ISD COVID-19 Guidelines for Grading document. The Weslaco ISD COVID-19 Guidelines for Grading is a revised version of the Weslaco ISD Guidelines for Grading that is a part of the Weslaco ISD Student Handbook.

The following considerations will be taken into account when evaluating any student work completed during the period of school closure:

- The teacher will have evidence that the student has access to Google Classroom or other online learning environment; or access to a paper packet.
- The teacher will consider the home environment, the level of support the student has for learning in this environment, the fact that instruction has not been provided in a face-to-face environment with the teacher, and the stress factors faced by many of our families during this time.
- For students who qualify for accommodations and/or modifications, the teacher will maintain evidence of the provided accommodations and/or modifications.

Elementary Schools:

- A grade of COVID Pass (CP) will be reported for students who have demonstrated mastery of the work assigned for the sixth six weeks.
- A grade of COVID Incomplete (CI) will be reported for students who have not submitted any work or for students who have not demonstrated grade level mastery

- COVID Pass (CP) and COVID Incomplete (CI) are further defined in the Weslaco ISD COVID-19 Guidelines for Grading

Secondary Schools (Middle and High schools)

- Numeric grades will be recorded, however any sixth six weeks grade that is less than a 70 will be recorded as a COVID Incomplete (CI)
- There will not be any second semester exams.
- The second semester average will be determined by combining the fourth, fifth and sixth six weeks at the percent listed below:
 - 4th six weeks: 40%
 - 5th six weeks: 30%
 - 6th six weeks: 30%
- The yearly average will be determined by averaging the first semester and second semester grades.

COVID INCOMPLETES:

In the case that the student has not submitted any work, OR if the work submitted is not showing progress toward grade level mastery, the student will receive a COVID Incomplete (CI) for the sixth six weeks.

- **Elementary and Middle School:**
 - A campus-based committee will meet to review any COVID Incomplete (CI) received in a foundation subject. Foundation subjects are defined by the Texas Education Agency as English language arts and reading, mathematics, science and social studies. The committee will consider the student's academic history and use that information to determine the final grade in that subject area. The committee will be composed of the following members:
 - At least one campus administrator
 - The student's teacher(s)
 - If the student has any documented accommodations or modifications, staff from that program will be present (ie: special education, Section 504, and/or bilingual/ESL)
 - Optional: student's counselor

- **Middle School:**

- If the student receives a COVID Incomplete in a subject other than English language arts and reading, mathematics, social studies or science, the fourth and fifth six weeks grades will be averaged to determine the second semester average. The yearly average will be determined by the average of the first and second semester grade.

- **High School:**

- If the student receives a COVID Incomplete in any subject for the sixth six weeks, the fourth and fifth six weeks will be averaged to determine the second semester average. The yearly average will be determined by the average of the first and second semester grade.

TIMELINE FOR SIXTH SIX WEEKS AND FINAL GRADE REPORTING:

1. The sixth six weeks will close on May 22, 2020. All electronic/paper assignments must be submitted by 12:00 noon on that date.
2. Grades for the sixth six weeks will be entered in the online gradebook by 5:00pm on May 26, 2020
3. Reports cards will be available via the parent portal on June 1, 2020