

**SOUTH TEXAS ISD FLEXIBLE LEARNING FRAMEWORK
ADDENDUM: GRADING GUIDELINES COVID19 SCHOOL CLOSURE
EFFECTIVE MARCH 24, 2020**

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic has presented various challenges in today's world. Education is one of the many services impacted by this virus. What we once considered "normal" is no more, and a shift in the teaching and learning process has occurred. Students now report to class through a technology device in their own home, rather than a classroom. Educators now teach from home using technology instead of traditional face to face methods. As a result of these new changes, STISD is amending their grading procedures to reflect these immediate and unforeseen circumstances so that students are not negatively impacted by their new "normal".

Therefore, the following guidelines have been developed to immediately address this issue by establishing:

Guidelines for Flexible Learning:

- Communicate, communicate, communicate.
- Practice flexibility in teaching and learning
- Consider the level of resources each student has available at their respective home.
- Understand the student has several classes and is responsible for the requirements of each.
- Assignments should be reasonable and of a manageable amount.
- Consider the diversity of the home environment of our students.
- All students must have a fair and equal opportunity to be successful in all credit-bearing classes.
- Address the needs for our special populations appropriately.
- Improve our skills of teaching and learning with technology.
- Collaborate with your colleagues.
- Document everything.
- Remember that this is a global crisis.

Grading Model

- Assignments per week may vary; however, one grade maximum per week, per subject is required.
- No exams will be held, either weekly or at semester (Note: There will be no Second Semester Exam for 2020).
- We will adhere to current STISD policy regarding Honors Distinction and Valedictorian/Salutatorian rank for Seniors, which is calculated at the end of Quarter 3.
- Quarter 4 will be calculated on the work performed in that quarter.
- Final Second Semester grade will be calculated based on Quarter 3 and Quarter 4 Average. However, the Final Second Semester average cannot be less than the numerical average for Quarter 3.
- Grading cycle uploads will continue as scheduled and report cards will be mailed on June 1, 2020.