



May 1, 2020

Delta Students and Families,

Following guidance from the Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) last week, our three partner districts have been developing plans for instituting new policies for student grading and awarding of credits for courses for the remainder of the year. Due to our use of the Trimester system, similar to schools in Pasco, we will be following the guidance from the Pasco School District for grading for Trimester 3.

Initially following the school closure on March 17th students were strongly encouraged to keep up with work in all their classes. Teachers have been posting weekly expectations for students to follow. Many students have done an excellent job in this regard! Others have had a more difficult time due to family circumstances—caring for siblings, working, family illnesses, etc. We understand the difficulties faced by many of our students and families during this time of uncertainty and know these may impact a student’s ability to engage regularly with school.

Beginning on Monday, May 4th, grading will commence, and final trimester grades will be based on student progress and level of engagement from May 4th-June 19th (possibly earlier for seniors).

- Our focus, as always, is on learning. Feedback for assignments will be provided, but “grades” for individual assignments will be left up to the discretion of the teacher. Some teachers may assign grades for some/all assignments, others may only mark assignments as “complete.”
- **Final trimester 3 grades will not be determined by assignment grades, but rather based on a student’s progress, participation, and work completion from 5/4-6/19, and will be awarded based on the professional judgment of the teacher—while keeping in mind circumstances for students that provide challenges.**
- More details about the PSD policies can be found at: [HS Grading Framework During COVID-19 Closure](#). **Please note that credits will be awarded for all courses with a grade and grades will factor into a student’s cumulative GPA.**
- The chart below shows how grades will be determined:

At-Home Learning Progress	Final Grade
Student demonstrated strong progress; participated regularly and completed most assignments and expectations	A
Student demonstrated some progress; participated some and completed some assignments	B
Student made limited progress; participation and completion of work was not consistent	C
Student made very limited or no progress; student rarely/never participated and work was rarely/never completed.	D*
In special circumstances, an Incomplete may be given. Please contact your administrator.	Incomplete*

*Opportunities for students to improve the final grade will be provided at a later date or through alternate means.

- Please note that, although Delta does not usually include “D” in our grading system, it will be utilized during trimester 3 for this unique situation.

What do we expect from our students from now until June 19th? *Engage in your coursework.* If you put forth an effort and show strong progress, your grades will reflect that effort. If you are having difficulties engaging, please communicate that with your teachers so they have an understanding of your situation and can support you to the best of their ability.

Questions with regard to specific classes should be addressed to the individual teachers (all teacher contact info is available on the Delta website at www.thedeltahighschool.com.)

If you are having other difficulties at home—dealing with major anxiety, depression, or other issues—please reach out to a trusted adult for support. Ms. Muir, our Delta counselor, can be contacted through Edmodo or via email at lisa.muir@thedeltahighschool.com, as well, and she is happy to provide support as needed.

More information will be shared as we have it, and we will work to address any questions about the new grading policies as expediently as possible. This is a unique situation and requires adjustments for all of us in how we think about school and grading. We appreciate our Delta community and look forward to continuing to work with our students over the coming weeks and beyond.

Note: CWU courses may receive one “Delta” grade based on the above guidance, and a different grade based on the CWU course expectations that will appear on their college transcripts.