

Welcome CVUSD
Students & Families
to Spring 2020
Semester High School
Grading Options



Meet Our Zoom Panelists



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Coachella Valley Unified School District acknowledges the challenges students and families face during the COVID-19 school closure. Therefore, the District is providing possible grading options for our students to select for their Spring 2020 grades.



Hold Harmless Clause



The Hold Harmless grading policy states: students will not be penalized for not being able to complete any of the work assigned during the COVID-19 school closure in the Spring 2020 school year.

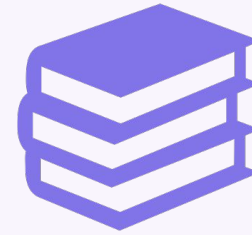
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Provides opportunities for students to raise and improve their Spring 2nd semester final grades

Spring 2020 2nd Semester Grading Options



Traditional Letter
grading



Pass/Fail

Traditional Letter Grade

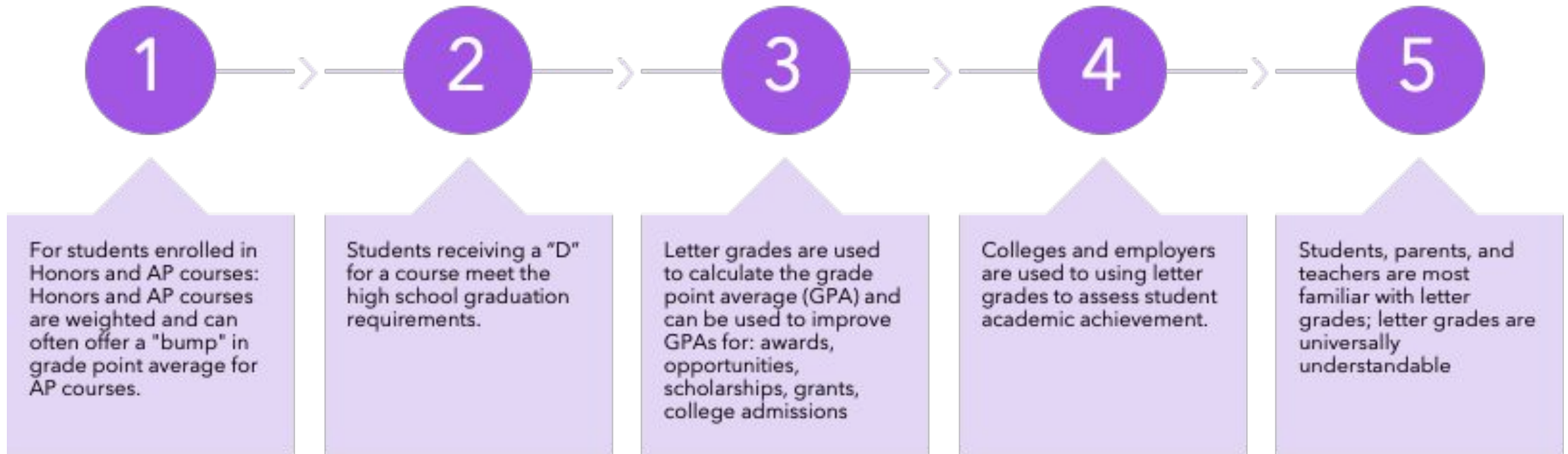


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<u>Letter Grade</u>	
A	
B	Pass
C	

D	Fail
F	

Pass is NOT Calculated into GPA

Fail is Calculated into GPA

Pass/Fail




FAIL



PASS

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- ❖ Some students will be more motivated to work together as a group instead of existing as competitors.

 - ❖ Some students will experience a less stressful learning environment.

 - ❖ Does not change the GPA for passing courses but does lower the GPA for failing courses.
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Options:
Students
would choose
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letter grade
or pass/fail
for *each*
individual
class.



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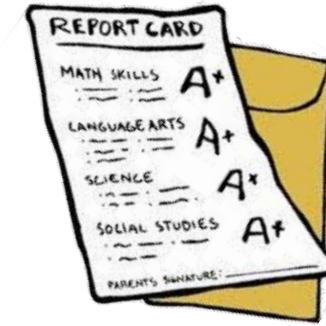
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Things to consider before making a selection

- Weigh your options carefully based on where you are in the course.
- Review your 3rd quarter progress grade for each course and see if there are assignments that you can do to improve your grade.
- Take careful consideration of how these options may affect your GPA positively or negatively.



CVUSD Course Weight



College Prep and General Education courses are awarded numerically on a 0 to 4.00 point scale. 1.	Honors classes with a grade of “C” or higher are awarded an additional half a point value for a weighted 4.5 point scale.	Advanced Placement (AP) classes with a grade of “C” or higher are awarded an additional point value for a weighted 5.0 point scale.
A=4 B=3 C=2 D=1 F=0	A = 4.5 B = 3.5 C = 2.5 D = 1 F = 0	A = 5 B = 4 C = 3 D = 1 F = 0

How do I calculate my GPA?

Course/Class	3rd Quarter Grade Received
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CHEMISTRY	B
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P.E.	D



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SPANISH	C = P
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Things to consider when calculating GPAs

- Are you taking any AP or Honor courses?
- What are you doing to improve your grade?
- "P" is NOT counted towards your GPA.
- "D" in traditional letter grading option counts towards graduation requirement and is calculated in your GPA as one point.
- "D" in the in pass/fail option is issued as a failing grade, does NOT count toward graduation and is calculated in your GPA as a "Fail" with zero points.

Notification
to Families

STUDENT
GRADING POLICY

STUDENT
ACCESS PIN

Student Grading Policy

Use this as a guide



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May 4, 2020

Dear CVUSD High School Parents and Student:

Hold Harmless Grading: CVUSD teachers will be assigning 2020 Spring 2nd semester grades based on the Hold Harmless grading guidelines provided by the California Department of Education (CDE). The Hold Harmless grading policy states: students will not be penalized for not being able to complete any of the work assigned during the COVID-19 school closure in the Spring 2020 school year. Therefore, CVUSD students' grades will only improve and cannot decrease from their 3rd quarter progress grades. This clause provides opportunities for students to raise and improve their Spring 2nd-semester final grades.

2020 Spring 2nd Semester Grades: Students will receive a grade for the 2020 Spring 2nd semester and will be the grades of records reported on a student's transcript. 2020 Spring 2nd semester grades will be calculated based on the student's 3rd quarter progress grades and any additional work the student completes and turns into their teachers during the school closure.

In addition to the Hold Harmless grading policy, CVUSD families will have the option of selecting the grading system that best suits their student's needs during the COVID-19 Spring 2020 school closure. Students complete the selection process online and will email outlining the process.

Student Grading Policy Options for 2020 Spring 2nd semester grades:

1. Grading System: Traditional Letter Grading (currently in place now)

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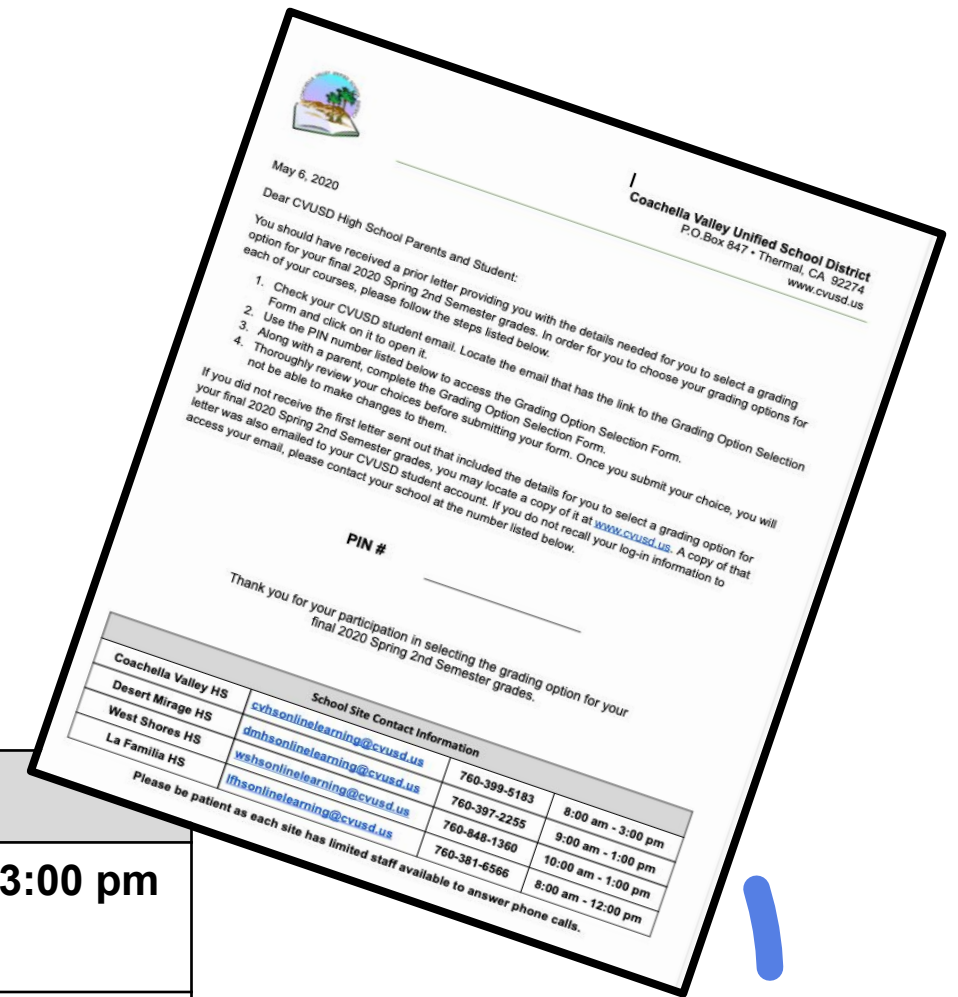
3. Grading System: Combination of Traditional Letter Grading & Pass/Fail

Students review their courses and make a decision to choose a letter grade or the Pass/Fail option for each individual course.

Students are advised to review current grades in AERIES Student Portal closely, as well as take any Deficiency Notices into account, in order to make a decision on which system to choose.

Student Access Pin

If you did not receive your access pin by mail contact your school.



School Site Contact Information

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CVHS	cvhsonlinelearning@cvusd.us	760-399-5183	8:00 am - 3:00 pm
DMHS	dmhsonlinelearning@cvusd.us	760-397-2255	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
WSHS	wshsonlinelearning@cvusd.us	760-848-1360	10:00 am - 1:00 pm
LFHS	lfhsonlinelearning@cvusd.us	760-381-6566	8:00 am - 12:00 pm

How will I make my grading selections?

A link to the selection form will be sent to student CVUSD email on May 11th and will close at 11:59 pm on May 15th



Timeline for Students to complete the Online Grading Option Selection Form:

May 11th – 15th



Student would complete an online Grading Option Selection Form for each individual course.



Have the option to choose for each course

Traditional Letter Grade
Pass/Fail



Student will need their access pin to complete the selection form. It was mailed to you. If you don't have your access to your pin, please contact your school.



Parent and students will need to complete the form together as it requires a parent's consent.



Whatever option selected by the student will be used to issue student's grade.



If Student does not complete the selection form by May 15th, their grades will default to traditional letter grades.

Question & Answer

