



Career Readiness Academy

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Dear Parent/Guardian of 9th - 11th graders,

We hope this letter finds you well. The purpose of this communication is to provide final grading updates from New Hanover County Schools based on guidance from the North Carolina Department of Instruction and the North Carolina State Board of Education.

High School Students-Grades 9-11

Students in grades 9-11 and non-graduating seniors will choose how each final course grade will appear on their transcript for their currently enrolled courses, year-long and semester courses. If students cannot be reached to make a choice, they will be permitted to do so after school buildings re-open.

Option 1:	Option 2:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report the numeric grade, their highest grade representing either their learning as of March 13 or as improved through the semester as remote learning continued. • Students will receive course credit. • The numeric grade and quality points for each course will be used to calculate GPA. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report a PC19 or WC19. • Students opting to receive a PC19 will receive course credit. • PC19 or WC19 will not impact GPA. • WC19 receives no course credit but students could take advantage of future credit recovery or repeating a course for credit.

Year long courses:

Students will maintain the grades for fall courses as already stored, year-long and semester. Fall 2019 final grades will be calculated into a student's GPA, independent of the Spring 2020 semester choice for grading. If a student chooses a numeric grade for a year-long course for the Spring semester, two half-credit grades will be entered. If a student's cumulative grade is higher than that of the fall or spring semester grade, change those grades to represent the cumulative grade. This will ensure that all year-long and block semester credit courses receive the same parity, if numeric grades are chosen.

NHCS Timelines

Week of June 1 - Transitional Learning Phase

- Preliminary final grades are shared with students and parents via PowerSchool.
- Missing assignments can still be submitted during this week with guidance from teacher(s) to improve final grades.
- Teachers and counselors seek out and support students with projected WC-19 designations.
- Teachers communicate with parents to discuss final grades and reach the best decision for reporting the student's grade on their final transcript.
- Advising on course adjustments, if needed.
- Advising and recommendations on academic questions that the student or parent may have.



Week of June 8 - last week of school

- Preliminary final grades are shared with students and parents via PowerSchool.
- Missing assignments can still be submitted during this week with guidance from teacher(s) to improve final grades.
- Teachers and counselors seek out and support students if not passing a course.
- Teachers communicate with parents to discuss final grades and reach the best decision for reporting the student's grade on their final transcript.
- Advising on course adjustments, if needed.
- Advising and recommendations on academic questions that the student or parent may have.
- Grades are finalized in PowerSchool.

NHCS staff will use the following information and guidance from the student and parent/guardian to determine grades on report cards and transcripts.

If the student has an A/B in a course...	If the student has a C/D in a course...	If course objectives have not been achieved...
Numerical grade entered (grade as of 3/13 or higher after remote learning)	PC-19 entered	WC-19 entered
Teachers consult with student/parent to determine final grade	Teachers consult with student/parent to determine final grade	Continue to reach out through phone calls and email to encourage students to raise grade
Credit awarded	Credit awarded	No credit awarded
Consider the impact of weighted courses on GPA in decision	Consider the impact of weighted courses on GPA in decision.	Seek credit recovery or remediation

Student promotion and retention will remain the decision of the school principal and staff.

New Hanover County Schools is committed to helping our 9th - 11th graders earn their credits toward graduation. Please reach out to school staff if you have questions or if you are in need of support.

Thank you for your support of New Hanover County Schools and we hope that you are well and stay well.

Regards,

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