



ROLAND-GRISE MIDDLE SCHOOL

A School of Distinction

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Dear Parent/Guardian of Roland-Grise 6th - 8th graders,

Thank you for your patience and continued support as we work through difficult times resulting from Covid 19. Districts around the state have received new guidance from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction and the NC State Board of Education on how districts will proceed with final grading for middle school students. The goal of this letter is to provide the most recent updates that we have at this time.

Report Card Grades

Grades 6-8 students will receive a final course grade of PC-19 (Pass) or WC-19 (Withdraw).

- A WC19 does not mean the student failed the course and does not imply grade retention for a middle school student. WC19 means there is a lack of evidence the student mastered the course standards.
- Teachers will provide year-end comments on the final report card related to academic progress.
- Academic and social/emotional feedback will be utilized to help transition students into the 2020-2021 school year. Only academic information will be shared on the final report card.

High school courses taught in middle school

Middle school students taking high school courses will choose how each final course grade will appear on their report card and transcript for their currently enrolled courses, year-long and semester courses. The grade that is recorded on the report card and the transcript will be a collaborative decision including input from the teacher, parent and student. 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 high school course credit. • High school courses taken in middle school do not factor into the high school 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 high school courses taken in middle school:

Students will maintain the grades for fall courses as already stored, year-long and semester. 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, that grade will be changed to represent the cumulative grade. High school courses taken in middle school do not factor into the high school GPA.

NHCS Middle School Timeline

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 communicate with parents to discuss final grades PC-19 or WC-19.
- Advising on course adjustments, if needed.
- Advising and recommendations on academic questions that the student or parent may have.
- Grades are finalized in PowerSchool.

High school courses taught in the middle school will follow the high school timeline below:

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 seek out and support students with projected WC-19 designations.
- Teachers communicate with parents to discuss final grades and to 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.

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

New Hanover County Schools appreciates your patience and support as we work to close this school year and plan for the next school year. Please reach out to school staff if you have questions or if you have any questions. Thank you for your support of New Hanover County Schools and we hope that you are well and stay well.

Regards,

Charlie Braodfoot
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Roland-Grise Middle School