



TRACY
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Families of Tracy Unified School District Students:

This letter is to provide an update to the Assembly Bill 104, which was signed into law by Governor Gavin Newsom on July 1, 2021, allowing parents, guardians, education rights holder of a pupil, or a student who is 18 years of age and who fell behind in the 2020-2021 school year only, to choose a learning recovery option, if needed.

Assembly Bill 104 has three specific sections. Updates specific to this letter are to the pass/no pass grading and the 5th year option for seniors. No changes or updates have been made to the repeating of a grade level section. If you would like to see the information on repeating a grade level, please refer to my letter dated July 21, 2021 in which can be found on our TUSD website.

Pass/No Pass Grading

AB 104 allows high school students enrolled during the 2020-21 school to change any letter grades to "Pass" or "No Pass" on their transcript, keeping their GPA from being negatively affected so they are not unfairly disadvantaged for college admissions and still have access to state financial aid for higher education. The bill also recommends that CSU, UC and private colleges accept transcripts with a "Pass" or "No Pass" designation. However, it is important for parents and students to realize that this is only a recommendation and not a requirement of colleges and universities. For a detailed list of colleges and universities that will accept pass/no pass grading, please visit the California Department of Education's website at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/gs/ps/ab104surveyresults.asp>. A parent or a student 18 years of age or older can make a request for pass/no pass grade changes by filling out the official application student's high school academic counseling department and/or can be downloaded from their school website page.

Sports, extra-curricular, and work permit eligibility has been an important discussion for TUSD leadership. In the spirit of doing our best for students, TUSD will temporarily forego our long-standing policy requiring students to maintain a 2.0 grade point average with no F grades for eligibility of all extra-curricular activities, including sports and work permit applications. For the first quarter of the 2021-22 school year, TUSD will allow all students and student athletes to participate in their activities, regardless of prior grades. After the first quarter grade reporting, TUSD will revert to the 2.0 and NO F policy (students can apply for a waiver twice during their careers if they have a 2.0 and an F grade), regarding student eligibility requirements. This action honors the struggle that our students and families have been through during the pandemic and provides an equitable environment for student competitions and activities.

5th Year/Graduation and/or Credit Options For Current Seniors (Section 3)

Under AB 104, students enrolled in their 11th and 12th grade high for the 2020-21 school year and who are not on track to graduate in the 2020-21 or 2021-22 school year, have a "credit recovery" opportunity to complete a 5th year of instruction to ensure graduation with a high school diploma. *Current seniors who are not on track to graduate now, please contact your high school academic counselor to ensure you are enrolled in credit recovery courses and understand all of your options to ensure a high school diploma.* If there are concerns about your seniors transcript, credits, and/or options to graduate with a high school diploma, please schedule an appointment with your academic counselor immediately by email and or by calling the academic counseling department at your student's high school. Current seniors who are enrolled in credit recovery options now, your academic counselor will have a review meeting in March/April 2022 to further discuss transcript standings and options.

Tracy Unified School District has the best interest of all students in mind as we transition to in-person learning for the 2021-22 school year. Our school site administration and academic counseling teams will be ready to assist you with any questions you have regarding Assembly Bill 104.

Sincerely,
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to the educated"*

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