

From 2018-2022, Mid-Pen students have matriculated at the following institutions:

Bard College	Marist College	University of California, San Diego
Brandeis University	Naropa University	University of California, Santa Cruz
California Polytechnic, San Luis Obispo	New York University	University of Colorado
San Jose State University	Occidental College	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Sonoma State University	Pratt Institute	University of Oregon
Chapman University	Reed College	University of Puget Sound
Curry College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of San Diego
Franklin & Marshall	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of the Pacific
Gonzaga University	Santa Clara University	University of Pittsburgh
Landmark College	Savannah College of Art & Design	Vassar University
Lewis & Clark College	St. Mary's College	Willamette University
Loyola Marymount University	University of California, Merced	Williams College

mid-pen core values: **respect • kindness • acceptance • responsibility**

Notes on our Compassionate Grading Practices: responding to the Covid-19 virtual learning environment

In response to the full spectrum of student responses to virtually learning during the pandemic, Mid-Pen provided Compassionate Grading Recommendations meant to consider students' circumstances that become barriers to learning. These include, but are not limited to, access to technology, restrictions around space, sick family members, babysitting obligations for younger siblings, or students' learning differences being exacerbated by the distance learning format. We provided examples of compassionate grading practices in the categories of 1) creating an equitable and open environment 2) moderating standards and goals for learning in this quarantine context 3) focusing on giving meaningful feedback 4) offering opportunities for revision and redemption 5) differentiating late work policies for all students.

Our compassionate grading practice guidelines were informed by conversations with local independent school peers and by the educational resources of 1) Global Online Academy's Review of Grading Policies for Learning Online, Educational Leadership article, "Taking the Stress Out of Grading," by Joe Feldman, and Educational Leadership article, "How I Revamped My Grading System," by Michelle Vanhala.



Just as our Dragon mascot suggests, Mid-Pen students grow into enthusiastic, confident learners, unafraid of challenges and willing to take risks.

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