

NCSD Continuity of Learning Grading Plan

Novi Community School District is committed to providing students with learning opportunities during these unprecedented times. In alignment with the MDE Learning at the Distance Guidance (p.18), our goal is to do no harm to our students and teachers. Our staff will make every effort and intervention to reach and support every student in danger of failure while offering opportunities for students to complete work.

The COVID-19 pandemic and the forced closure of schools has created a need for online instruction and learning which affects all stakeholders. The emphasis of schoolwork is on continuous learning, supported by monitoring and feedback, not grades. Therefore, the Novi Community School District will be implementing the recommendations of the Michigan Department of Education which strongly urged school districts to adopt a credit/no credit policy (Learning at a Distance Guidance, p.18, MDE) as of April 20, 2020. Specific information by grade level is included below.

Kindergarten through 6th Grade:

For all courses in grades K-6, students will be promoted to the next grade in the NCSD curricular path. NCSD will work with our teaching staff to adjust the curriculum for the 2020-2021 school year to account for this disruption in school. Exceptions, only in the most extreme cases, will be made at the district's discretion.

Students will be advanced to the next grade or class unless there is a very specific reason to keep that student in the current grade. Retention is not research-based, and Novi does not support it. Final marks for K-6 Report Cards will be those from Trimester 2. There will be no Trimester 3 report card markings.

Grades 7 through 8:

For all courses in grades 7-8 that are not for HS Credit, students will be promoted to the next course in the NCSD curricular path. NCSD will work with our teaching staff to adjust the curriculum for the 2020-2021 school year to account for this disruption in school. Exceptions, only in the most extreme cases, will be made at the district's discretion. Retention is not research-based, and Novi does not support it.

9-week courses:

Quarter 3 9-week courses will receive the grade earned as of March 13th, 2020.

Quarter 4 9-week courses - Students will earn a grade of Pass by engaging in the Opportunities for Weekly Learning (OWLs) (see below).

Year-long courses:

Grades/Credit for 7-8 Report Cards will be based as of March 13th, 2020 according to the following:

Grades/Credits for middle school students taking a year-long 7th or 8th grade course will be awarded in the following manner (non-high school credit courses):

If you were passing your course as of March 13, 2020			If you were NOT passing your course as of March 13, 2020		
	If you	Then you will		If you	Then you will
OPTION 1	Engage in 5 to 8 of the Opportunities for Weekly Learning (OWLs) for the remainder of the year in compliance with the Distance Learning Checklist	Earn your Grade as of March 13th, 2020	Expectation	Engage in the 5 to 8 of the Opportunities for Weekly Learning (OWLs) for the remainder of the year and work with your teacher to address gaps in understanding from prior units	Receive a PASS for the course
OPTION 2	Engage in 0 to 4 of the Opportunities for Weekly Learning (OWLs) for the remainder of the year in compliance with the Distance Learning Checklist	Receive a PASS for the course			

Grades/Credits for middle school students taking a year-long course for high school credit will be awarded in the following manner:

If you were passing your course as of March 13, 2020			If you were NOT passing your course as of March 13, 2020		
	If you	Then you will		If you	Then you will
OPTION 1	Engage in 5 to 8 of the Opportunities for Weekly Learning (OWLs) for the remainder of the year in compliance with the Distance Learning Checklist	Earn your GRADE as of March 13th and CREDIT in this course	OPTION 1	Engage in 5 to 8 of the Opportunities for Weekly Learning (OWLs) for the remainder of the year in compliance with the Distance Learning Checklist and work with your teacher to address gaps in understanding from	Earn CREDIT in this course

				prior units	
OPTION 2	Engage in 0 - 4 of the Opportunities for Weekly Learning (OWLs) for the remainder of the year in compliance with the Distance Learning Checklist	Earn CREDIT in this course	OPTION 2	Engage in 0 - 4 of the Opportunities for Weekly Learning (OWLs) for the remainder of the year in compliance with the Distance Learning Checklist and/or does not work with your teacher to address gaps in understanding from prior units	Not earn CREDIT for this course and may have to repeat it next year

Grades/Credits for middle school students taking a 9-week course during the 4th-marking period will be awarded in the following manner:

	If you	Then you will
OPTION 1	Engage in 5 to 8 of the Opportunities for Weekly Learning (OWLs) for the remainder of the year in compliance with the Distance Learning Checklist	Receive a PASS for the course
OPTION 2	Engage in 0 - 4 of the Opportunities for Weekly Learning (OWLs) for the remainder of the year in compliance with the Distance Learning Checklist	Receive an Incomplete for the class

Grades 9-12:

Second semester grades will be determined based on the guidelines below.

Credit/Grades for most high school courses will be awarded in the following manner:

If you were passing your course as of March 13, 2020			If you were NOT passing your course as of March 13, 2020		
	If you	Then you will		If you	Then you will
OPTION 1	Engage in 5 to 8 of the Opportunities for Weekly Learning (OWLs) for the remainder of the year in compliance with the Distance Learning Checklist	Earn CREDIT in this course	OPTION 1	Engage in 5 to 8 of the Opportunities for Weekly Learning (OWLs) for the remainder of the year in compliance with the Distance Learning Checklist and work with teacher to address gaps in understanding from prior units	Earn CREDIT in this course
OPTION 2	Engage in 0 to 4 of the Opportunities for Weekly Learning (OWLs) for the remainder of the year in compliance with the Distance Learning Checklist	Earn an INCOMPLETE in this course and will have opportunities for remediation	OPTION 2	Engage in 0 - 4 of the Opportunities for Weekly Learning (OWLs) for the remainder of the year in compliance with the Distance Learning Checklist and/or does not work with teacher to address gaps in understanding from prior units	Earn an INCOMPLETE in this course and will have opportunities for remediation

The following courses are exceptions named within the Executive Order 2020-35 and Credit/Grades will be awarded in the following manner:

If you were passing your course as of March 13, 2020			If you were NOT passing your course as of March 13, 2020		
Course Type	And participate by doing	Then you will end the year with	Course Type	And participate by doing	Then you will end the year with
21 F	All work assigned by your online teacher	The GRADE you earn, as awarded by your 21 F teacher	21 F	All work assigned by your online teacher	The GRADE you earn, as awarded by your 21 F teacher
OSTC	Additional learning opportunities given by your teacher. Work is encouraged and recommended.	CREDIT for the course	OSTC	Remediate your previous work as detailed by your teacher	CREDIT for the course
Dual Enrollment	All work assigned by your dual enrollment course teacher	This is determined by the college in which you are enrolled in	Dual Enrollment	All work assigned by your dual enrollment course teacher	This is determined by the college in which you are enrolled in
E2020/ MIVHS Essentials	Complete and earn a passing score in all areas of your E2020 course	CREDIT for the course	E2020	Engage in your E2020 class and work to raise your grade to passing	CREDIT for the course
Co-Op	Engage in the majority of the Opportunities for Weekly Learning (OWLs) for the remainder of the year in compliance with the Distance Learning Checklist	CREDIT for the course	Co-Op	Remediate your previous work as detailed by your teacher AND Engage in the majority of the Opportunities for Weekly Learning (OWLs) for the remainder of the year in compliance with the Distance Learning Checklist	CREDIT for the course