

Asheboro City Schools Procedure for Finalizing 2019-2020 Grades

ACS has developed the following procedure for finalizing grades for the 2019-2020 school year that complies with directives from the North Carolina State Board of Education.

ACS Elementary School Procedure:

Policy approved by the North Carolina State Board of Education:

- *K-5 students will receive no final grade.*
- *Using a format determined locally, teachers will provide year-end feedback for students regarding learning from the full academic school year.*
- *To ensure an effective transition from the spring 2020 remote learning process to the 2020-21 academic year, teachers will document individual student strengths and needs from both an academic and social/emotional perspective.*

Elementary Grading and Report Card Plan:

- **K-2:** Comments on student progress will be provided through the K-2 report card. Quarter 4 scores will not be reported. Report cards will be stamped either promoted or retained. Teachers will add comments on academic strengths and areas needing improvement in the areas of math and reading. Comments will be specific for your child.
- **3-5:** Comments on student progress will be provided through the district form and attached to the student's 3-5 report card. Quarter 4 will not be reported. Students will receive a final grade of NG19 (No Grade - Covid 19) for the year. Report cards will be stamped either promoted or retained. Teachers will add comments on academic strengths in the areas of math, reading, and science. Comments will also be added for areas in the subjects where the student needs improvement. Comments will be specific for your child.
- Schools will share appropriate times for families to pick up report cards and any student belongings during the first week of June. Any report cards not picked up will be mailed by the school.

Middle School Procedure:

Policy Approved by North Carolina State Board of Education:

- *Students will receive a Pass "PC19" or Withdrawal "WC19" for the final course grades for all middle school courses:*
PC19 - *Meeting expectations as of March 13 or improved to meet expectations after March 13.*
WC19 - *Not passing as of March 13 and unable to improve to meet expectations after March 13. A middle school course grade of **WC19** does not equate to a failing course grade nor does it indicate that a grade retention should occur or that the course must be repeated. The grade **WC19** simply indicates a lack of evidence of mastery of standards addressed in the particular content area.*
- *To ensure an effective transition from the spring 2020 remote learning process to the 2020-21 academic year, teachers will document individual student strengths and needs from both an academic and social/emotional perspective.*

Note: *High school courses taken in middle school will follow the grading options presented for high school students. These courses do not count in high school GPA.*

Middle School Courses Grading Plan:

- Comments on student progress will be provided through the report card. Quarter 4 will not be reported. Students will receive a final grade of PC19 (Passing Covid 19) or WC19 (Withdrawn Covid 19) for the year. WC19 will not be counted as a failing grade. Report cards will be stamped either promoted or retained.
- Report Cards will be mailed home the week of June 15, 2020.
- Students will be informed when they can safely enter the building to collect their personal belongings and clean out their lockers.

High School Credit Courses Taught at the Middle School:

- Middle school students taking a course for high school credit will have a choice between receiving a numeric grade or a final grade of PC19 (Passing - Covid 19)/WC19 (Withdrawn - Covid 19) for the year. WC19 will not be counted as a failing grade.
- Parents will be contacted by the school and then sent a letter on the week of May 18 with a self-addressed envelope to select the traditional numeric or PC19 grading choice. The student and parent must sign the document and return it to the school by May 27.

Note: PC19/WC19 will be entered for students who do not return a form. Reminder that these courses count for high school graduation credit but do not count toward a student's GPA.

High School Procedure for Grades 9-11:

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Grades 9-11:

Students will be given a choice for how each final course grade will appear on their transcript for the spring semester and year-long courses.

Students will have two options for each final grade for spring semester and year-long courses:

- **Numeric grade**, the highest grade representing learning as of March 13 or as improved through the semester as remote learning continued. Numeric grades will appear on a transcript and are included in GPA determination.
- **PC19 or WC19**. These grades are not included in the GPA.

Note: *Students will not receive a failing grade. We should utilize **WC19** for any student who is not meeting expectations as of March 13 and was unable to improve through remote learning opportunities.*

- High School students in grades 9-11 will have a choice between receiving a numeric grade or a final grade of PC19 (Passing - Covid 19)/WC19 (Withdrawn - Covid 19) for the year. WC19 will not be counted as a failing grade.
- Parents will be sent a letter on the week of May 18 with a self-addressed envelope to select the numeric or PC19 grading choice for each student in grades 9-11. The student and parent must sign the document and return it to AHS by May 27.
Note: PC19/WC19 will be entered for students who do not return a form.
- Report Cards will be mailed home the week of June 15, 2020.
- Students will be informed when they can safely enter the building to collect their personal belongings and clean out their lockers.

High School Procedure for Seniors:

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Seniors Only:

- *Seniors will receive a Pass "PC19" or Withdrawal "WC19" based on their learning as of March 13 for spring courses.*
- *If the senior has an "F" as of March 13 for graduation requirements, districts/schools shall provide remote learning opportunities for the student to improve to a passing grade.*

Note: Occupational Course of Study (OCS): *If an OCS student completes 157 hours of the 225 hours of "paid work hours" graduation requirement, the student will receive a Pass "PC19".*