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"ALL LEARNERS, ALL FUTURES"

To: Learners, Parents, and Guardians
From: Mr. Travis R. Lee, High School Principal
Re: HAHS Coronavirus MP4 Grading Update
Date: May 21, 2020

Greetings Learners and Families,

We have continued to monitor attendance, assignment completion rates, and grades for our learners during remote learning. From the beginning of the school closure, teachers and staff have been committed to communicating with and helping learners, accommodating as needed, and problem-solving barriers to learning. Learners and families have felt the effects of living through the pandemic and the challenges of remote learning in different ways. Some have been able to carry on with their lives and academics with minimal interruptions, while others have experienced hardships, for myriad reasons. We know that it's very difficult to determine and quantify these effects. Therefore, we are providing two options for learners to select from regarding how their Marking Period 4 (MP4) grades are recorded as we finish the year. These choices provide a fair way to both honor the work that has been completed by learners during remote learning, as well as to provide relief for those that have experienced difficulties.

The MP4 grading options are outlined below, including important notes. In addition, information about end of year grading windows is included.

Marking Period 4 (MP4) Grading Options

Option A: No Change in Grading
- MP4 grade is recorded as the grade earned
- Utilize this option if MP4 grades improve or maintain overall yearly grade

Option B: Covid Pass/Covid No Pass Grading
- MP4 grade will be recorded as Covid Pass or Covid No Pass
- Covid Pass *"CP" will not impact a learner's overall yearly grade*
    - Overall yearly final grade based upon MP1 - MP3 performance only
- Covid No Pass *"CN" will impact a learner's overall yearly grade*, but will be a benefit to them, rather than receiving the actual percentage of an earned failing grade
    - *All course failures for MP4 will be designated as a Covid No Pass*
    - *Covid No Pass (CN) grades will be recorded as a 59% in the overall yearly grade calculation*

MP4 Grading Notes:
- Learners will receive a Google Form in their Grade Level Google Classrooms on Thursday, May 21, where they can indicate which grading option that they will select for MP4
  - ***Learners only need to make a selection if they are selecting Option B: Covid Pass/Covid No Pass***
  - Learners should make their selections by the end of the day on Wednesday, May 27
- Learners can select Option A or Option B individually for each class
  - Remote learning can affect content, courses, and learner needs differently, so we are providing flexibility in this manner
  - There are spots on the Google form to list multiple classes if selecting Option B
- **Learners should seek faculty guidance if there is a question about which is the best option to choose.** ***Teaching staff can also make a determination (grade override) for a learner if it is to the learner's benefit***
- Notes about COVID-19 will be indicated on all learner's transcript for the 19-20 school year
- Additional information about how Option B scenarios impact a learner's final grade, are attached to the end of this document for your review

Grading Windows
- The last assignments will be given on Tuesday, May 26
- Learners should continue to monitor messages from teachers and be prepared to participate on scheduled Live Instructional and Instructional days until the end of the year as requested. Most communication will be regarding completion of final assignments. The official last day of school is still June 4
- Seniors must submit all assignments to teachers by Thursday, May 28. There are already established due dates prior to May 29. Senior grades will be calculated on Friday, May 29
- Underclassmen (Grades 9-11) must submit all assignments to teachers by 12:00 pm on Wednesday, June 3. Many due dates will be prior to June 3

Thank you for your continued support of HAHS and for promoting a positive learning environment within your homes during remote learning. The end is in sight! Please encourage your learners to reach out to teachers or to the school office with any concerns. Your learner's teachers have your children's best interest in mind, and will be able to help them with any grading questions. Let's continue to motivate them to do their best. We've done our best to continue providing meaningful learning experiences for your children, and we appreciate your cooperation. Stay Bearcat strong!

Sincerely,

Travis R. Lee,
Principal

Covid Pass Grade (CP)
- Learners have to achieve a passing grade for MP4 (60% or above) to have this option
- Grade will be reported as "CP" on the report card
- If the actual grade percentage was entered, this would show a decrease in performance compared to the rest of the year. Therefore, a grade mark of "CP" will not factor into a learner's final average for their yearly grade
  - The yearly final grade will be calculated based upon grades for MP1-MP3 only
- *Learners should only select this option if their final average will be improved*
  - Teachers can provide guidance when making this decision
  - Teachers can override a grade for the learner's benefit
- If choosing Covid Pass (CP), learners should not be electing to take a final

Example Scenario: Learner's MP4 Grade Is Less Than Average Yearly Performance, but is Passing
A learner received the following previous grades throughout the year:
- MP1: B - 88%; MP2: A - 93%; SE1 (Midterm): 84%
- MP3: B+ - 89%. Current MP4: 67% (D)

Tradition Final Yearly Grade: 84%   **Covid Pass (CP) Final Yearly Grade: 89%**

In this instance, a 67% for MP4 will give the learner a lower overall final grade for the year, which is lower than typical performance throughout the year. Therefore, a learner could select the Covid Pass (CP) option. The learner's final grade, then, will be based upon previous performance (MP1 - MP3). In the example above, a learner's final average under traditional MP4 grading, with a 67%, would be a 84%, B. By using the Covid Pass (CP) option, a learner's final grade for the year would be an 89%, B+.

Covid No Pass Grade (CN)
- Learners have not completed work to a satisfactory level, or have had minimal participation during MP4
- Grade will be reported as "CN" on the report card
- The percentage grade of 59% for MP4 will be factored into a learner's overall final grade for the course
  - This will be a benefit to learners in this situation. The 59% will be higher than an actual recorded grade percentage earned for the marking period

Example Scenario: Learner's MP4 Grade is Failing
A learner received the following previous grades throughout the year:
- MP1: C - 76%; MP2: D - 63%; SE1 (Midterm): 70%
- MP3: D + - 68%. Current MP4: 48% (F)

Traditional Final Yearly Grade: 64%   **Covid No Pass (CN) Final Yearly Grade: 67%**

In this instance, a 48% for MP4, which is a failing grade. Therefore, the Covid No Pass (CN) option will be utilized. The learner's final grade, then, since a 59% for MP4 will be calculated rather than a 48%. By using the Covid No Pass (NP) option, a learner's final grade for the year would be a 67% rather than a 64%.