

Cochrane Collegiate Academy

**Grading and progress for High School Students**

To all iMeck students,

We will continue with remote learning until May 29. We want to encourage our students to please take some time and seriously focus on continuing to work hard (or begin to work hard if that is the case) on your school work. Grades and work for students will end May 29th so students have only four short weeks left in the school year.

Teachers will resume posting grades in PowerSchool (PS) for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. You may see them as early as today. All grades will be entered in the **informal** category. For work completed in the month of April, teachers will convert the feedback and anecdotal records to numerical grades and post them in PowerSchool. **All grades since April will be posted in PowerSchool.** Teachers will continue to use Canvas to post assignments and class meeting times, but all grades will now appear in PowerSchool. This will help you keep track of your status. To give every student the fullest benefit of the doubt for work not completed in April (maybe they did not have a computer, internet, etc.), students will not be penalized for work not completed. They may see “exempt” for those assignments in PowerSchool.

**In order to make sure students who showed effort during our April remote learning receive credit:**

- Assignments documented as mastered/partially mastered during April 6th-30th will be converted to informal grades (Mastery=90+, Partial Mastery=80-89, Non-mastery or no submission=EXEMPT). These grades will be recorded in PowerSchool. In the event that a student did not complete an assignment from April 6th-30th, the assignment is EXEMPTED for the student.

**In order to make sure our students are receiving opportunities to increase their grade:**

- Teachers will grade a minimum of one, and a maximum of two assignments weekly between May 1 - 29 for all students. Teachers must record the grades in PowerSchool:
  - For mastery, students receive a grade of 90 or above.
  - For partial mastery, students receive a grade of 80-89.
  - For students who do not in assignments, or do not reach partial mastery, they will receive a grade no lower than 59.

*You only have to complete 8 assignments in 4 weeks for a chance to improve your grade! By state guidelines, your grade cannot go down from 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. But, it can go up and by doing the 8 assignments in May you are guaranteed to get at least a B for the fourth quarter!*

If you do not complete assignments beginning Monday, will not be “exempt” from them. Instead, they will receive a grade of 59, which still gives you an opportunity to pass if you begin to work.

**In essence, EVERY 9-11<sup>th</sup> grader can benefit from continuing to work and learn through the end of the year.** There is ample opportunity to improve the grade and prepare them well for courses next school year.

The following is how your grades will be determined:

Each A Day/Bday class will receive two grades: **First semester** and **Second Semester**

**First semester**, which will require no input from teachers, will remain as it was when we closed the semester. For all A Day/B Day courses, students will receive a numeric grade for Semester 1, and 0.5 credit if they have a passing grade. The grades will count toward the student’s GPA.

**Second Semester**, students will choose a Pass, Withdraw or numeric grade.

**Why would I choose a PASS?** Students who choose a PC19 will receive the second .5 credit for the course, but there is no impact on GPA. This is for students who have a passing grade but they were unable to increase that grade during remote learning and do not want the effect on this grade calculated into their final GPA or indicated on their transcript.

**Why would I choose a Withdraw?** Students who choose a WC19 will not receive credit for the course and there will be no impact on the GPA . WC19 code will be used for any student who was failing as of March 13 and/or was unable to improve their grade through remote learning opportunities. If the course is one that is required for graduation, the student will need to retake the course for credit or complete Credit Recovery for the course.

**Why would I choose a numeric grade?** Numeric Grade Choice: Teachers will compare student progress as of March 13 (Quarter 3) to their progress through the end of the year (Quarter 3 + Quarter 4, each quarter weighed equally) to determine the final grade. The higher of the two grades will be posted as the student’s final grade, and the grade will count in the GPA. If a student’s cumulative Final Grade (F1) percentage in a yearlong course is higher than the Semester 1 (S1) or Semester 2 (S2) percentages, the higher grade will be stored.

If you have any questions regarding the information shared, please contact a member of the administrative team.

Sincerely, Rachel Corn, Principal