

**CURTIS HIGH SCHOOL**

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SUBJECT: **GRADING PROCEDURES FOR FALL 2020**

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Given circumstances surrounding the opening of this school year (e.g., delayed opening, multiple program updates, etc.), the following adjustments have been made to grading protocols at Curtis HS for the Fall 2020 term only:

- There will be just two marking periods.
- Grades for the 1<sup>st</sup> marking period in all classes will be limited to **Pass/Fail only**.\*\*
- \*\*Please note that grades awarded each marking period are a reflection of total progress made by the student since the beginning of the term. Those grades reflect students' total performance from the first day of enrollment in a class. Therefore, while a student's performance during the 1<sup>st</sup> marking period will be graded using only Pass/Fail, the student's performance during the 1<sup>st</sup> marking period will be factored into the student's total performance for the semester.

**The 1<sup>st</sup> Marking Period ends on Friday, November 13, 2020.**

LOOKING AHEAD TO FINAL SEMESTER GRADING

*GRADING SCALES*

*During the 2020-21 school year, the following policies apply for the scale of marks awarded.*

*Grades 9-12*

*Schools may select their grading scales for marking period and final grades.*

*'NX' must be used in the following cases:*

- *Students receive an 'NX' in place of failing grades.*
- *Students receive an 'NX' if there is insufficient work to calculate a final grade.*

*Parents/guardians make the final decision about whether the student's final passing grade remains on the existing scale or is updated to 'CR' (Credit)*

*Grades of 'CR' are not included in students' GPAs.*

*'NX' GRADES AWARDED IN 2020-21*

*During the 2020-21 school year, middle and high school students may receive grades of 'NX' (Course in progress) instead of a failing grade or when there is insufficient work to determine a final grade.*

- *High school students who receive final grades of 'NX' during the Fall term of SY20-21 have until June 2021 to complete outstanding coursework.*
- *High school students who receive final grades of 'NX' during the Spring and/or Summer term of SY20-21 have until January 31, 2022 to complete outstanding coursework.*
- *Once high schools update the 'NX' to a passing grade, the high school must also notify the student's parent/guardian of their option to keep the final calculated grade for the course or replace it with 'CR' (Credit).*

*If high school students do not achieve the course learning outcomes by the dates specified above, the school must update the 'NX' (course in progress) to 'NC' (no credit).*

### CURTIS HS GRADING SCALE FOR FINAL PASSING GRADES FOR THE FALL 2020 TERM

Passing grades must be awarded in increments of 5 (i.e., 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90) for grades at or below 90. Grades above 90 may be awarded in increments of 1. No grade may be awarded above 100. Please note that some course grades are weighted due to the additional rigor and requirements. Such weighting is done only for the purpose of ranking and will be done automatically when averages are calculated on students' transcripts.

A summary of final grades that may be awarded for the Fall 2020 term follows:

90, 91, 92, 93, 94	Excellent Progress
95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100	
85	Very Good Progress
80	Good Progress
70, 75	Satisfactory Progress
65	Passing Condition; Minimally Met Standard

NU=No Credit-Audit      If a student already received credit for a course but is auditing the same course again to prepare for a Regents exam, the student should receive a mark of "NU" for the second course in order to avoid double-crediting.

NX=No Credit-Course in Progress      A student who receives an "NX" (course in progress) must successfully complete remaining course requirements by the end of the semester following the termination of the course in order to receive a final grade and credit, as applicable. "NX" does not have a pass/fail or a numeric equivalent.