To: All Staff and Families

From: Superintendent’s Office

Date: April 22, 2020

RE: Grading Guidance

On April 21st, State Superintendent Chris Reykdal, Office of Public Instruction (OSPI), released statewide recommendations and guidance on student grades for the 2019 – 2020 school year. Details of the guidance and recommendations can be found here: OSPI Recommendations Document or you can visit the OSPI Website.

These recommendations came after careful consideration and included direct feedback from educators, students and parents. The recommendations require school districts to continue using grades to assess student learning and to support students by providing options to receive the best possible grade outcome for this school year. Considering the current circumstances around COVID19, every student has the chance to improve from the point they were at on March 17th.

In alignment with those recommendations, Tukwila School District will adopt the following principles that were developed to support students and do no harm.

**Kindergarten through 8th Grade:**

- Students will be challenged to demonstrate effort and success in learning standards established by their teachers.

- Students will move to the next grade level unless, by mutual agreement between parents/guardians and teachers, they agree to repeat a grade or a portion of missed learning.

- Students are expected to engage in continued learning based on guidance from their schools, focusing on key standards outlined by the state.

**High School – 9th – 12th Grade:**

- Specific details regarding grading for second semester will be finalized and communicated on Monday, April 27th.

- Students are expected to engage in continued learning based on guidance from their schools and teachers.
• Teachers will provide clear expectations for their students based on the school’s determination of the state standards, essential skills and knowledge for success in each course and overall grade for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. Students’ attendance will not be a factor when determining grades.

• There will be no “F”, “Pass” or “No Credit” grades issued to students.

• Students may receive an “Incomplete” for a course and will be given the opportunity to engage in learning standards which may include:
  o Summer School
  o Courses in the following term or year
  o Independent study

The district will make a final decision as to which options will be offered for incomplete grades. Input from students and parents/guardians will be used as part of the decision process.

• Every class taken during the closure period will be given a state-wide designator on the high school transcript to denote the unique environment in which the course was taken.

We will continue to send frequent updates with information and resources via email, school messenger, social media channels and our website at www.tukwilaschools.org.

I am thankful to be a part of this wonderful community!

Flip Herndon

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