



March 25, 2019

Dear EHS Families and Community Members,

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on the most recent events at Epping High School. In response to concerns from our school community we have revised our current grading system effective Semester 2. We will not be altering the way we teach and learn, however we have added two additional categories for final course grades that offer greater variation in GPA points. Students will now have an opportunity to earn a higher point value towards their GPA for courses that have been completed in a timely manner. We have also implemented supports to ensure students are on task and up-to-date with the summative assessments and projects. The last adjustment that has been made is parents and students will now be able to check the status of course grades in real time. Teachers have been busy re-entering all grades for Semester 2 and have updated their current grade books to reflect this change. As of **April 1st** all grades will be available for parents and students. Due to this mid-semester change there may be unanticipated challenges in the grading and reporting system. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

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Grade Scale for Final Course Grade

	Student Achievement Report Performance Key			GPA Points by Class Type		
	Symbol	Meaning	Range for Final Course Grades	Reg/CP	Honors/Dual	AP
Credit Earned	E	Exemplary	mean \geq 3.6	4.0	4.5	5.0
	AE	Approaching Exemplary	$3.3 \leq$ mean $<$ 3.6	3.5	4.0	4.5
	MC	Meets Competence	$3.0 \leq$ mean $<$ 3.3	3.0	3.5	4.0
	BC	Basic Competence	N/A (manual override)	2.5	3.0	3.5
No Credit Earned	AC	Approaching Competence	$1.5 <$ mean $<$ 3.0	0	0	0
	N	Novice	mean \leq 1.5	0	0	0
	IWS	Insufficient Work Submitted	N/A (manual override)	0	0	0

Approved by the Epping School Board 3.7.19

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EHS will be viewing the **ALICE** video on Thursday and Friday March 28th & 29th. with all classes. ALICE stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate. This training supports our Enhanced Lockdown procedures as we hope to transition to a full ALICE School District by 2020. This information is specific to enhanced lockdown procedures in the event of an intruder. The District Administrative Team attended a regional training last summer in Portland, Maine and have all been certified as ALICE instructors. The primary goal is to give teachers, students and administrators more credible options in the event of an emergency. If for any reason you decide that you do not want your child to view this at school please notify the main office. Please feel free to click on the link below to access this information.



[Waltham Public Schools ALICE Training Video](#)

SAT/PSAT: On March 27th students in grades 9 and 10 will be participating in the PSAT assessment. This is a prelude to the SAT assessment which will be given in grade 11. The SAT is a mandatory assessment that is used by the Department of Education for accountability purposes. Please be sure your student is well rested and prepared to do their best. Breakfast will be provided for all students as well as break and snacks. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the main office.

Congratulations! A well deserved shout out to our boys basketball team for capturing the Division IV State Championship and finishing the season with a final record of 22 - 1. Congratulations to Hunter Bullock for being honored as “Player of the Year” and participating in the senior game.



Epping High School Boys Basketball 2019 Division IV State Champions

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Change Direction Campaign

Epping High School will be sending a team of students to participate in the Dartmouth Hitchcock Youth Summit on April 5th. This event was designed by a focus group of NH high school students for high school students. High Schools throughout the state will be sending teams of students to participate. Day 1 is designed for students. Day 2 of the Summit is geared to parents, teachers, administrators, counselors, school boards, school staff, legislators and others. The event will be held at the Grappone Center in Concord, NH.



YOUTH SUMMIT 2019

FRIDAY APRIL 5
FOR STUDENTS
KNOWLEDGE, EMPOWERMENT,
UNDERSTANDING

SATURDAY APRIL 6
FOR PARENTS, EDUCATORS
AND COMMUNITY
THEY'RE TALKING,
ARE WE LISTENING?

FRIDAY'S SPECIAL GUEST
HANNAH KEARNEY OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALIST

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY'S SPECIAL GUESTS
JIM WAHLBERG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MARK WAHLBERG YOUTH FOUNDATION
WENDY SUE SWANSON, MD, MBE PEDIATRICIAN, BLOGGER "SEATTLE MAMA DOC"TM, SEATTLE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

GRAPPONE CONFERENCE CENTER
CONCORD, NH

Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health will host a two-day summit focused on our youth. On Friday, April 5, invited high-school aged students from across the State of New Hampshire will come together to discuss the challenges they face, celebrate successes and develop solutions. Parents, educators, legislators and anyone interested in the pressures our youth face are invited to attend on Saturday, April 6. Students' voices from Day 1 will be heard, and observations from the topic experts who attended the previous day's discussion will be shared.

TOPICS WILL INCLUDE:

- Academic Pressures
- Addiction
- Bullying and Cyberbullying
- Community Support
- Driving Skills for Life
- Eating Disorders
- Race and Gender Equality
- School Violence
- Self Harm
- Sexuality, Gender and Sexual Identity
- Using Social Media for Good

APRIL 5: FOR STUDENTS
8:15 am - 3:30 pm, followed by Film and Writing Festival. Dartmouth-Hitchcock, the NH Department of Education, NH School Boards Association, NH School Administrators Association, NH Association of School Principals and NEA-NH are working directly with public and private schools throughout NH to arrange for students to take part in the program. A Film and Writing Festival, co-hosted by Magnify Voices, will end the day.

APRIL 6: FOR PARENTS, EDUCATORS AND COMMUNITY
9:00 am - 1:30 pm. Registration is required at \$10 per person.
Visit: DHYOUTHSUMMIT.COM for more information and to register.

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Respectfully,

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