

Grading Policy for Distance Learning

The purpose of this document is to outline the Distance Learning grading policies for each school/grade level. The policy and parameters below are meant to provide the framework for TUSD schools and teachers to issue report card grades for students in alignment with the direction given by the California State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tony Thurmond, to implement a “no harm” grading system during the COVID-19 crisis.

Level	Policy/Parameters
Elementary (TK - 5th)	<p>Complete 2nd/Final Achievement Report for each student, as planned.</p> <p>Continue to utilize established standards based marking system of N, 1, 2 or 3. “No Harm” grading will mean that students will not receive a lower mark on any standard than the mark they received on the previous AR.</p> <p>Teachers shall/have inform(ed) students and parents/guardians how student achievement will be evaluated (BP 5121).</p> <p>The teacher of each course shall determine the student’s grade (BP 5121).</p>
Middle (6th - 8th)	<p>Complete 4th Quarter Report Cards for each student as planned.</p> <p>Implement “No Harm” grading.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Letter grade scale limited to A, B, C, D ● No “F’s” ● Students who do not meet the standard of a “D” or better, will receive a letter grade of “NG” indicating a No Grade for the 4th quarter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Any grade of “NG” will receive a teacher comment/note indicating: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ “Did not achieve minimum proficiency on course standards” ■ “Lack of participation or engagement in distance learning” <p>Teachers shall inform students and parents/guardians how student achievement will be evaluated (BP 5121).</p> <p>The teacher of each course shall determine the student’s grade (BP 5121).</p>
High (9th - 12th)	<p>Complete 2nd Semester Report Cards for each student as planned.</p> <p>Implement “No Harm” grading.</p>

- Letter grade scale limited to A, B, C, D
- Students who receive a “B” or a “C” will have the opportunity to elect to change their letter grade to a “P” indicating “pass” with credit earned
 - “P’s” will not be included in GPA calculations (see BP/AR 5121)
 - Students may select the “P” option by notifying their teacher in writing during the last two weeks of the term (no later than 11:59PM, June 11th)
- Letter grades of “D” will receive full transcript credit, but will not be allowed to change to a “P”
- No “F’s” will be given
- Students who do not meet the standard of a “D” or better, will receive a letter grade of “I” (Incomplete) for the 2nd semester (see BP/AR 5121)
 - Any student receiving a grade of “I” will be placed on a contract to complete online independent study contract
 - Students will have 6 school weeks following the last day of 2nd semester to complete their contract (12th graders have until August 15th)
 - Completing the contract will result in changing the “I” to a “P” indicating a “pass” and credit will be issued
 - Students who do not fulfill their contract, may be issued an “F”
 - A student who receives an “I” will no longer be on that teacher’s roster and will be the responsibility of the administration or independent study teacher for a grade change
 - Teachers who issue an “I” must be able to provide evidence of the efforts made to intervene and support the student’s academic achievement (communications, office hours, Tier 2 support time, retakes, etc)

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