



Distance Learning

GUHSD Grading Plan for Distance Learning - May 5, 2020

Guiding Principles

The California Department of Education (CDE) recommends that districts should weigh all policies during this health crisis through the lens of equity, with the primary goal of first, doing no harm to students.

Principle 1: Equity	Principle 2: Do No Harm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grading MUST be seen through a lens of EQUITY that recognizes a number of factors could, and perhaps will, impact student success toward academic achievement. These could be factors ranging from the reliability of devices and internet connections to families facing anxiety and stress related to work hours, personal health, access to food, shelter and loss of income. All of these are components that could become barriers to learning even in the best of circumstances. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The grading process MUST practice the concept of DO NO HARM. For the remainder of the second semester of the 2019-2020 school year, student grades will <u>not</u> be negatively impacted as a result of the school closures and the implementation of our Distance Learning Plan. Student grades at the time of GUHSD school closures on March 13, 2020 <u>will not</u> be lowered. Grades <u>may only</u> be improved upon by the semester's end on June 4, 2020.

Our Commitment to These Grading Principles

Our talented and dedicated teaching staff will continue to provide assignments, monitor, support and assess student learning, and create opportunities for all of our students to make progress toward their mastery of grade-level skills and content standards.

Special Circumstances Grading Marks

We acknowledge that during these very serious times, flexibility is necessary to provide opportunities for our Class of 2020 Seniors to graduate and protect their interests in future educational and employment endeavors. Therefore, GUHSD will transition to the following special circumstances grading system for Semester II.

All teachers will use the following grading system when finalizing Semester II grades:

Letter grades of A, B, C, Credit or No Mark
In addition, grades can only improve from the time of school closure on March 13, 2020.

Benefits to All Students

- This system honors students who have worked hard toward academic success prior to closure.
- By issuing letter grades of A, B, and C, current students are ensured the opportunity to contribute to their GPA as was an option prior to closure.
- By issuing a "Credit" mark instead of a "D" grade, students are not disadvantaged in the current and future university/college admission process or enlistment in military branches.
- The unique COVID-19 crisis will be added to each School Profile for college/university review.