

Book Administrative Regulations

Section 100 Programs

Title Grading Process- Coronavirus (Covid-19) Emergency

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102-1. Grading Process---Coronavirus (COVID-19) Emergency

Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf mandated a school shutdown and a stay at home order for Westmoreland County Residents in response to the world-wide COVID-19 pandemic.

Due to the mandatory school shutdown on March 13, 2020, the education of students in the Mount Pleasant Area School District was unexpectedly disrupted for a period of 1 week in the third marking period of the 2019-2020 school year. The duration of mandatory school shutdown is unknown and will extend through a significant portion of the fourth marking period.

Therefore, in an effort to provide a Continuity of Education for all students, the Mount Pleasant Area School District is implementing planned instruction. As a result of the Continuity of Education Plan(CEP), students and staff members must transform from a traditional school setting to an online educational environment.

Quarterly grades, a final exam grade, and a final grade for the year constitute a formal means of evaluating a student's progress throughout the year. In this evaluation process, it is important that fairness and consistency be observed within a department and across departments insofar as is possible. Therefore, student grading and Grade Point Average (GPA) are major concerns and areas where students may be unfairly disaffected due to significant changes in the methods and means of assessment. In response, the District wants to ensure that as few students as possible are disaffected by these mitigating factors. Therefore, the District will adopt the following Grading Practices for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year:

Grades for the first, second, and third marking periods will be recorded and GPA calculated in accordance with the current District practices. Current grades and calculations will stand as recorded in the eSchool student information system.

Grades for the fourth marking period will be recorded as Pass or Fail. A "Pass" will represent 100% and a "Fail" will represent 65% in eSchool for the purpose of GPA calculations. To that end, teachers, in consultation with the building administrator may issue a "Fail" with a 65% value.. Pass/Fail grade will be assigned by the teacher at the close of the fourth marking period.

Regular attendance and active participation in the online classroom and completion of assigned work are essential to the educational progress. To that end, teachers, in consultation with the building administrator may issue a "Fail" with a 50% value in the event that a student blatantly fails to comply with attendance or classwork requirements.