



Brunswick School Department
Continuous Learning Plan Grading Update
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Our Continuous Learning Plan has evolved to address the developing COVID-19 situation. Thank you to all families and faculty for your flexibility and support as we work together as a community to support our students during what has become a very challenging period.

As we begin working with a longer school closure, we must consider how students will be graded. Learning looks different right now and so grading must reflect this “new normal.” Each school level has slightly different needs which require grading in each school to be slightly different. As a result, we have developed and are implementing the following grading plan.

Coffin Elementary School and Harriet Beecher Stowe Elementary School

The second trimester ended March 12 and so all work during the closure is in the third trimester. We understand there are many unique and challenging situations at home. Families are encouraged to work with their students to complete At Home Learning Plans to the best of their ability. Completed paperwork will not be collected at this time in order to prevent personal contact. Upon returning to school, we will continue to meet students where they are and will provide academic and social-emotional support as needed. We fully anticipate that students will be promoted to the next grade unless there are extenuating circumstances that have already been discussed with families.

Brunswick Junior High School

The third quarter ends on April 3. Students are expected to complete and submit all work using Google Classroom. Students are encouraged to work on all assignments, contact teachers with questions, attend virtual lessons/meetings, and ask questions as needed. It is challenging to assess the levels of work completed since schools were closed on March 16. Consequently, students will earn Pass/Fail grades instead of numerical grades for the third and fourth quarters. Third and fourth quarter report cards will include narrative comments. If a student fails a class, additional opportunities will be provided to support that student in meeting essential standards.

Brunswick High School

The third quarter ends on April 3. Students are expected to complete and submit all work using Google Classroom. Students are encouraged to work on all assignments, contact teachers with questions, attend virtual lessons/meetings, and ask questions as needed. There are an adequate number of assessments from the third quarter so students will earn numerical grades for that marking period. These grades will be factored into students' GPAs. However, it is challenging to assess the levels of work completed since schools were closed. Consequently, students will earn Pass/Fail grades instead of numerical grades for the fourth quarter. Credit will be awarded at the end of fourth quarter when students successfully complete their courses. Fourth quarter report cards will include narrative comments. The school's Profile and

supporting documentation reflecting the reason for the Pass/Fail in the 4th quarter will accompany the official student transcript. This will ensure that students are not negatively impacted when they apply to university or college.

REAL School

REAL School will continue to assess students using a standards-based assessment system. Students are expected to complete and submit all work using Google Classroom. Students are encouraged to work on all assignments, contact teachers with questions, attend virtual lessons/meetings, and ask questions as needed. Fourth quarter report cards will include narrative comments.