

Smyer High School Grading Guidelines During COVID-19

Distance-Learning Issues

- We understand this global pandemic has had **overwhelming impacts** on all of our families and we want to extend grace to students during this time of crisis.
- We understand that this shift to distance learning has impacted the **instructional integrity** and the **integrity of our grading system**.
- We understand that students have **varying levels of support and instructional resources at home**.

Grading Guidelines:

- *All assignments given shall provide information that the teacher needs to monitor student progress and determine students' preparation to be academically successful moving into the next school year.*
- *All assignments shall provide students an opportunity to demonstrate mastery of learning standards of the Texas Essential Knowledge & Skills (TEKs).*
- Teachers will assign 2-3 graded assignments per week during the remaining 6 weeks of school
 - o **No less than 12 grades** per course during the 6th 6wks
 - o **No more than 18 grades** per course during the 6th 6wks
- All grades will be recorded in the **Daily Grades** of the gradebook
 - o All grades will be considered **equal**
 - o Any grade that is significant (test/project-like) will be a **double daily grade**
- **A designated number of grades will be exempted** for all students
 - o 12-13 assignments: waive/exempt 1 assignment
 - o 14-15 assignments: waive/exempt 2 assignments
 - o 16-18 assignments: waive/exempt 3 assignments
- All assignments will have a **one-week timeframe** to complete / turn-in.
- There will be an **additional week period of grace** beyond the initial deadline.
- Teachers will document all attempts to communicate with students and parents regarding missing assignments and/or non-participation.
- Special Education
 - o All work, either packet based or distance-learning based must be accommodated according to the IEP of each student.
 - o All accommodations shall be documented.

- Semester Exams:
 - There will be no semester exams for the Spring 2020 semester. Semester averages will be based on the average of the 4th, 5th, and 6th 6 weeks' averages.
- GPA/Semester Averages
 - The 5th 6wks average will **not** negatively impact student averages/GPA
 - (completed on 4-3-20)
 - Class rank
 - 2020 seniors
 - GPA and class rank will be calculated as of the 4th six weeks of the 2020 spring semester.
 - 9-11 students
 - GPA will be calculated per Smyer ISD policy.

Non-Participation in Distance-Learning Instruction

7-8 Grade Students: If a student does not participate in at home instruction, the student will receive an "Incomplete" and will be referred to a campus Grade Placement Committee (GPC) to determine course grade(s) and next year grade level placement. GPC meetings will have a deadline of July 31, 2020.

High School Credit Courses:

- **Seniors:** If a student does not participate in distance-learning instruction, the student will receive an "Incomplete" for the course. The course posted as an "I" will be calculated as a zero until it has been completed. All courses needed for graduation must be completed by May 21, 2020 in order to be considered for graduation (*see Graduation Activities in the Smyer ISD Student/Parent handbook*). Seniors will have until July 31, 2020 to complete any course for which an incomplete was received. Any Incomplete courses after July 31, 2020 will trigger an Individual Graduation Plan Committee (IGC) meeting to review the student's transcript to determine if the student meets graduation eligibility criteria. IGC meetings will have a deadline of August 31, 2020.
- **All other High School Credit Courses:** If a student does not participate in distance-learning instruction, the student will receive an "Incomplete" for the course. The course posted as an "I" will be calculated as a zero until it has been completed. Students receiving an incomplete will have until July 31, 2020 to complete any course for which an incomplete was received.