



Hello Pitt County School Students and Families!

We hope this message finds you and your family safe, healthy, and strong.

First and foremost, we applaud and appreciate our community for its quick response to our transition as a virtual learning environment. We understand, as a community, there are several questions about how this school year will close. Our educators have been working diligently to make sure our students, parents, and teachers' hard work during our transition to a virtual learning environment is respected and accounted for as we conclude the year.

End of School Year

As we close out the school year, remote delivery of new instructional material ends on May 22nd to allow dedicated time for teachers to complete required end-of-year conferences with students and parents, provide student feedback for all work completed before and after the period that remote instruction began, and assess student work and academic growth that occurred during remote instruction. Remote learning will continue with supplemental resources on our district website until June 5th, our last student instructional day. However, these resources will also be available throughout the summer for student access. In the event parents need paper copies of those online resources, they should contact their school. Teachers will remain in contact with families. The last workday for teachers will be June 10th, the same date that was scheduled before school buildings were closed for in-person instruction by the Governor. Note: Our two Early Colleges will follow their instructional calendar.

Student Feedback and Grades

In order to provide high-quality feedback and grades that includes learning prior to March 13th and during our remote learning sessions, the following considerations are in place for students in grades **6-8**.

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- Students will receive a Pass “PC19” or Withdrawal “WC19” for the final course grades for all middle school courses.
 - A student’s grade will not be negatively impacted by learning after March 13th.
 - PC19 will be assigned to any student who was meeting expectations and passing the course as of March 13th or worked to improve to the point of passing after March 13th through remote learning.
 - WC19 will be assigned to any student who was not passing the course as of March 13th and was unable to improve to the point of passing the course through

remote learning opportunities. A middle school course grade of WC19 **does not** mean that the student failed the course, that the student will be retained or that the student will have to repeat the course. The grade WC19 simply indicates a *lack of evidence of mastery of standards addressed in the particular content area*.

- Teachers will document individual student strengths and needs from both an academic and social/emotional perspective to ensure an effective transition from the spring 2020 remote learning process to the 2020-21 academic year on a form attached to the report card.
- High school courses taken in middle school **will follow the grading options presented below for high school students**, with the understanding that if there is a numeric grade on the transcript **it will not be calculated in the high school GPA**.
 - Students will have two options for each final course grade:
 - Option 1: Numeric grade. This option includes the highest grade representing learning as of March 13 or as improved through the semester as remote learning continued.
 - Students may apply the grade earned as of March 13th **or**
 - Request that the teacher grade assignments submitted after March 30.
 - If the submitted assignments improve the grade, that grade may be entered into Powerschool.
 - Option 2: PC19 or WC19.
- **For yearlong courses:** If a student's cumulative Final Grade (F1) percentage in a yearlong course is higher than the Semester 1 (S1) or Semester 2 (S2) percentages, we will replace their Semester 1 (S1) and Semester 2 (S2) percentages with the higher cumulative Final Grade (F1) percentage to ensure the student has the highest grade possible.
- On the report card, you will see a final grade.
- **If you have been in previous contact with your child's teacher about retention, the determination of retention will be noted on the feedback form if this applies.**

Please see the middle school example below (partial report card shown):

Course information	F1	Instructor Comments
ELA Grade 8 Teacher Name Course Absences = 0	PC19	
Math Grade 8 Teacher Name Course Absences = 0	WC19	

For all grade levels, report cards will be mailed to your homes on June 9th.

We understand that this is an atypical close to your child's school year. We appreciate your flexibility and support as we work through sensitive items while providing the best outcomes for students. Thank you for working hard to make the end of this year a success.