



WJHSD Overview of the 4th Quarter and Final Grading and Evaluation

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope you and your family are safe and healthy as you read this letter. Thank you so much for your patience and understanding as we have been adjusting, like you, to the drastic changes in life during the last few weeks. We are extremely appreciative of our students, parents, teachers, staff, and administrators for their positivity, flexibility, and resilience during these trying times. Our goal is to provide continuous learning opportunities and assignments for students while schools are closed, but also to eliminate as much stress as feasibly possible for students, parents, and teachers. While it is our responsibility to continue to educate our children, we also want to compassionately take into consideration the variety of difficulties that our families and employees are enduring during this time.

As we enter into the fourth nine weeks, our dedicated teachers and staff are working very hard to develop meaningful learning opportunities and assignments to keep all of our students engaged in their classes. Our team has also been designing a plan to assess and grade student learning for the remainder of the year. Based on all of this information, our administrators and staff have developed the following guidelines for the 4th grading period and determining final grades.

The West Jefferson Hills School District has developed this document to guide assessment and grading practices during the extended closure of schools:

Kindergarten:

Kindergarten grades will remain standards-based, reflecting a student's level of mastery of skills; teachers will continue to assess students using the same means as we have done throughout the school year. However, we will remain flexible and empathetic to our students and families given the unique circumstances.

Grades 1-12:

Grades 1 through 12 will remain percentage-based. In an ongoing effort to transition to online learning and assessing, teachers will continue to assess students using the same means as we have done throughout the school year. However, we will remain flexible and empathetic to our students and families given these unique circumstances.

All grades will be recorded in Skyward after the due date for all assignments. Assignments that were not turned will be marked with a zero and labeled missing.

All grades will be reported in the same manner as the past for the end of the year report cards in June.

All courses at TJHS will be included in the GPA and final grades posted on the transcript.

Lastly, we are all heartbroken that we will not be able to be together in our school buildings for the end of the school year. Our goal is to do everything we can to support you and your families through this difficult time. If you need assistance with your courses or need more time to submit your assignments, please contact your teachers or the building principal for assistance.

Stay safe and stay healthy!

Sincerely,



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