

Message to Parents (phone - secondary)

This is Greenville County Schools calling with a grading update for middle and high school students. Based on guidance from the state, seniors must complete all coursework by May 15th. Teachers are streamlining content to ensure students can complete assignments by that deadline. The state has also directed districts to provide one combined grade for the second semester instead of separate third-quarter and fourth-quarter grades. Work completed by middle and high school students during the closure will be graded for participation and engagement using four descriptors. Work that Meets Expectations will receive a 100. Work that Approaches Expectations will receive an 85, work that Does Not Meet Expectations will result in a 70, and work that is Not Handed In will receive a 50. Utilizing these performance levels, students will be assigned a numerical semester grade that combines existing graded work from the 3rd quarter and the participation and engagement grades from quarter 4.

Please visit www.greenville.k12.sc.us and click on the eLearning site for a more detailed description of these grading changes and the reasoning behind these decisions.

Grading Explanation

Based on direction from the State Department of Education, students in grades 6-12 will not get a standalone grade for 4th quarter/nine weeks. Instead, South Carolina students will only receive a second semester grade that combines 3rd quarter grades completed at school with participation and engagement grades completed during the closure. This participation and engagement will be in the form of completion of work (packets or digital), phone calls, Google Meets, etc. Students will receive participation grades that correspond to a numeric grade based on the following four categories: Meets Expectations (100), Approaches Expectations (85), Does Not Meet Expectations (70) and Not Handed In (50).

We realize that it is difficult for students to learn some concepts without direct, in-person access to a teacher. We also recognize that students and families have varying levels of support. We are asking parents to do the best they can to help students complete the assigned work, but we understand that all work may not be completed. Teachers will be assessing participation on a scale; so long as students are attempting to do the work, credit will be given. Teachers will continue to provide feedback to students and may ask them to redo work to support their learning.

For those students who completed paper packets of schoolwork, we will give further directions for turning those in once the Governor's Executive Order has been lifted or we have received further clarification. You will receive direction from your school on the process for dropping off these packets. For students who completed work digitally using their Chromebook or other device, you do not need to return anything to the school as long as assignments were submitted to the teacher electronically through Google Classroom or by other means directed by the teacher. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions about this process or to verify that work was submitted.