

## **Alvord ISD Learn@Home Pass / Fail Grading Policy**

Most school districts are implementing a pass / fail grading policy of some sort during the learn@home closure. So why pass / fail? This learn@home model we are implementing brings some inherent grading problems. A pass / fail option helps level the playing field for all students while they are learning at home.

Beginning March 30, students will be assigned a “Pass” or “Fail” grade for each of their courses. Parents will no longer see daily grades, only an overall Pass or Fail for the grade and/or course.

### **Pass/Fail**

In order for a student to “Pass”, teachers will evaluate student participation within the course content and ‘quality over quantity’ of students’ assignments. Our goal is to provide an abundance of support so that every student has ample opportunity to be successful. Students can show the participation with content in a variety of ways, including, but not limited to, completing weekly assignments, participating in online instruction, phone calls/Zoom meetings with their teachers, etc. Each teacher will provide specific guidance on what this looks like for each class.

### **Report Cards**

Report Cards will be issued at the end of the school year.

### **Progress Reports**

Progress Reports will be sent home during the learn@home closure.

### **Final Exams**

Final exams will not be administered in May 2020.

### **Course Credit / Promotion / Graduation**

Pass /Fail grades will not be translated to a numerical value. Students must meet teacher expectations of ‘quality of work versus quantity of work’ during the learn@home closure to earn course credit, be promoted, and graduate.

We do not want students who were failing at the semester to lose the opportunity to raise their second semester average enough to gain credit for the year. Teachers can use their discretion to award these students credit for the year if they are satisfied with the quality of the work the students submitted.

Elementary and Middle school students (with the exception of Algebra I students) who were failing during the first semester, must complete work to receive the “Pass” for the year. Teachers can use their discretion to award these students credit for the year if they are satisfied with the quality of the work the students submitted.

Secondary students who do not earn course credit for the year will be required to re-gain credit through our normal credit recovery process, either during the summer or next school year.

**GPA and Class Rank**

The GPA calculation for secondary students will be frozen after the first semester (pending board approval). The spring 2020 semester will not be calculated for GPA and class rank purposes for all secondary students for this school year and also for subsequent school years (pending board approval).