


MEMORANDUM

TO: All High School Seniors (Class of 2020) and Parents of High School Seniors

FROM: Stephen Gainey 

DATE: April 2, 2020

RE: Procedures for Finalizing Grades for High School Seniors (Class of 2020)

It has been a very difficult time during the past three weeks for everyone due to the Coronavirus crisis. In an effort to take care of our seniors during this time of school closure, the North Carolina State Board of Education took several actions on 3/27/20. As a result of those actions, the following procedures will be used to finalize grades for the seniors in the Class of 2020 in the Randolph County School System:

- 1) The Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) requirement to be completed by a senior for graduation at the end of the 2019-2020 school year has been waived for any individual without successful completion of it on his/her academic record.
- 2) The number of core credits to be completed by a senior for graduation at the end of the 2019-2020 school year has been reduced to 22. Board Policy 3460 (Graduation Requirements) for our school system requires the completion of 28 credits for graduation. However, on 3/27/20, the North Carolina State Board of Education took action for all school systems to only use the state minimum of 22 credits for this group of seniors.
- 3) A senior who receives a passing grade for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter for any course in which he/she was enrolled on 3/13/20 (the final day of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter) will receive a final grade of "PC-19" (a "Pass") on his/her transcript at the end of the 2019-2020 school year. As a result, the senior will receive the corresponding credit for the course. However, the grade of "PC-19" will not impact the senior's grade point average (GPA) in any way.
- 4) A senior who receives a failing grade for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter for a course in which he/she was enrolled on 3/13/20 (the final day of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter) will receive an instructional packet for the course through regular mail or electronic mail on 4/7/20. Another instructional packet is tentatively scheduled to be sent to a student in this situation on 5/5/20 as well. It is imperative that the senior remains in close contact with his/her teacher for each course associated with this scenario during the time period of the school closure. The senior is expected to work through the packets and work with his/her teacher towards obtaining credit for the course.
- 5) A senior who receives a passing grade for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter for any course in which he/she was enrolled on 3/13/20 (the final day of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter) can request to be sent the instructional packet to be distributed on 4/7/20, as well as the one tentatively scheduled for 5/5/20, to use for supplemental learning. This request should be sent by the senior to his/her teacher for the course. Overall, this option focuses on our desire to promote continuous learning for the seniors and provide additional support for them in preparation for their move to college/university work, the workforce, the military, or other post-secondary interests.
- 6) A senior enrolled in Career & College Promise (CCP) courses (at Randolph Community College, Mount Olive University, etc.) should remain in close contact with his/her instructor. Additional guidance from the higher education partner regarding grades will be forthcoming.
- 7) The grade point average (GPA) and class rank for each senior will be finalized with data through the end of the Fall 2019 semester. Data from the Spring 2020 semester will not be used in these calculations.

I hope this information provides more clarity regarding the next few months of the 2019-2020 school year for our seniors and parents of seniors. Please know that I am very proud of the Class of 2020. Your contributions to our school system during the past 13 years have been incredible.