

2019-2020 Distance Learning Guidelines/Procedures:

Please find below guidance regarding assignments and grades for Spring 2020. We understand that grading is more difficult with distance learning, but we feel we have made decisions we believe are in the best interest of the students, yet achievable for teachers and administrators. The information that follows is provided to answer questions and to alleviate concerns regarding the grading system for Spring 2020.

Delivery & Return of Instructional Packets:

- Presidio ISD will provide remote learning and/or instructional packets on a weekly basis. Remote Learning will be provided via Google Classroom, SeeSaw, or other online platform.
- Returning of instructional packets will be via Class Dojo, SeeSaw or digital photocopies depending on campus and/or teacher. All necessary precautions set by TEA will be taken to ensure proper handling and distribution of materials.
- It is the teacher's responsibility to check/grade work and provide feedback on all returned assignments for the remainder of the school year.
- Special Educators will collaborate with Classroom teachers regarding the needs of students served through Special Education. Special Educators will contact family to offer additional support and guidance.
- Students in the Gifted/Talented program will have an additional assignment due at the end of each week.
- Students with dual credit courses through UTPB will follow the direction of UTPB and the course professor.

Spring Semester Grading Cycles:

4th Six Weeks (January 7 - February 21)

- no changes

5th Six Weeks (February 24 - April 17)

- prior to March 13: two (2) weekly grades
- March 30-April 17: minimum of one (1) grade per week
 - Average will be calculated by total grades from February 24-April 17
- Students with incomplete work will be given until May 22 to complete work and not be penalized.

6th Six Weeks (April 20-May 29)

- Minimum of 2 grades per week
- *Final assignments are due no later than May 22, 2020.*

STAAR and EOC tests:

Grades 3-8 STAAR and EOC tests have been waived this semester or summer.

According to TEA: On March 16, 2020 "Governor Greg Abbott announced that he has waived the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) testing requirements for the 2019-2020 school year." Furthermore, "districts will have local discretion on whether students in grades 5 and 8 should advance to the next grade, just like students in all other grades. In alignment with TEC, §28.021, criteria that should be considered include the following:

- *The recommendation of the student's teacher,*
- *The student's grade in each subject or course, and*
- *Any other necessary academic information, as determined by the district."*

Promotion & Retention:

- Completion of student work during the time of school closure will be used as a component to determine the promotion or retention of students at the end of the school year. Students that fail to complete assignments may face retention in the same grade level and not be promoted. A Grade Placement Committee will address each situation on a case-by-case basis.

GPA Calculation & Class Rank:

- GPA (Grade point Average) calculation and Class Rank for the 2019-2020 school year will be based on 1st semester averages, 4th Six Weeks average, and 5th Six Weeks average as of March 13, 2020. This will determine class ranking/academic standing to determine valedictorian/salutatorian, honor graduates, and top 10% of senior class.
- Students with dual credit courses through UTPB will receive an updated GPA at the end of the college semester once dual credit grades are available.
- Students are expected to complete the assignments posted in EACH of their classes for the remainder of the school year. In order to receive credit, students must submit quality work during this time of distance learning. Students who do not fulfill their educational requirements by May 22, 2020 will not receive credit for this semester's course.
 - Students who do not receive credit will need to repeat the course work during summer school or during the next school year in order to earn the missing credit.
 - Seniors that do not earn the required credit for graduation purposes will not graduate and will need to complete course work in order to earn missing credit to fulfill the requirements.

Summer School:

More information to come in the near future.