

PCS Fourth Quarter Work and Grades

Hello Piqua City Schools Parent and Students,

I would like to take this time to thank you for your continued partnership with us during this closure that has been ordered by Governor DeWine. You are doing an amazing job with the school work and your communication with us. We continue to monitor the effect this closure has on our students, parents, and staff and we understand the pressures involved with these changes. Additionally, the Ohio Department of Education has recently released some guidelines to help with the amount of work we assign and how it can be graded under these unusual circumstances. After reviewing these guidelines and seeking input from others, we have come up with the following outline to assist us all as we sustain this important work during the school shut down period.

Student work:

- Our goal is to instruct as many students as possible through online instruction as it is the best way we can provide immediate and ongoing feedback that will help students and their parents daily with the questions they may have.
- If students or parents have questions about lessons, they should continue to reach out to the teacher that assigned the work for assistance. Staff will continue to have daily office hours that are the same as when school is in session.
- If there are questions regarding technology, parents may call our hotline at 937-916-3150.
- Beginning Monday, April 13th, we will be assigning subject area work as follows:

Grade Levels	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
K-6	ELA and S.S. Only	Math and Science Only	ELA and S.S. Only	Math and Science Only	Music, Art, PE, Library (reading), STEM, Make Up work day
7-12	ELA, S.S. W. Lang. Only	Math, Science, Electives Only	ELA, S.S. W. Lang. Only	Math, Science, Electives Only	
PHS AP and College Credit Plus students will need to follow teacher's plans to meet course needs					

Chart Key:

ELA – English Language Arts (Reading and Writing Instruction)

S.S. – Social Studies

W. Lang – World (Foreign) Languages

Electives – All other classes a student may be enrolled in

For ideas to help with Music, Art, and P.E, please visit: <https://www.piqua.org/RemoteLearningInformation.aspx>

Grading:

- Our main goal is to help students and parents be successful with the work that is being assigned so it can be completed and credit can be properly awarded and students can be promoted to the next grade or earn a diploma at the conclusion of the 2019-2020 school year.

K-6 students

- At the end of the 4th quarter, teachers will assign a 'P' for passing or 'I' for incomplete. Students attempting the work in good faith will receive a 'P' for a final grade and will be promoted to the next grade. If students do not attempt any work they will receive an 'I' for incomplete at the end of the 4th quarter. Although students will not be deducted for late work, it will be important that as much work as possible be completed in a timely manner for the student to receive a passing grade in order to be promoted to the next grade.

7-12 students

- Students will receive a 70% or higher for all attempted work. We are committed to doing our best with supporting students and parents while working at home and will provide appropriate 'grace' when grading work under these unique circumstances. Students that do not turn in work will receive an 'I' for incomplete and may be required to complete the work to earn high school credit at a later date. Although students will not be deducted for late work, it will be important that as much work as possible be completed on time for the student to receive proper assistance and a passing grade in order to earn the necessary credits to be promoted to the next grade. Second semester final grades will be heavily based on what the student earned for the third quarter with the ability to improve the final semester grade through the student's current efforts and work being turned in.

Additional grading notes:

- There will be no 4th quarter midterm progress reports. Instead, teachers will focus on daily feedback to assist with progress.
- College Credit Plus (CCP) must follow all university guidelines for grading.
- To remove stress from students and parents, the second semester WILL NOT count toward 7-12 grade students' overall calculation of GPA, class rank, Valedictorian/Salutatorian selection or Honor Roll announcements.
- There will be no Final Exams for the second semester.

Again, we wish to thank you for your incredible support at this time. We hope these adjustments will help students and parents at home with sustaining the work we have ahead this school year. If you have any questions about these guidelines, feel free to reach out to your child's teacher or building administrator.

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