



GREEN LEVEL HIGH SCHOOL

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS) ON REMOTE LEARNING GRADING GUIDELINES



Below are some of the frequently asked questions from the student survey that was provided to students between May 14 through May 20.

Grading During Remote Learning

Is the work we are being given during online class graded?

Beginning on May 11, 2020 work completed during remote learning can be graded for students who are interested in improving their grade. However, these assignments cannot lower a student's grade.

Can a student's grade go down during remote learning?

No, grades cannot go down from what was posted on May 13, 2020.

Will the grade improvement option be open to students with an "A" in classes? Could students theoretically move up to a 100 percent in a class?

All students will have the opportunity to improve their grade during remote learning.

If a student completes assignments during remote learning and improves their grade to one that they're happy with, can they stop after they get the grade they want or do they have to continue to do all of the work assigned in remote learning?

Our desire is to engage students throughout the entirety of remote learning. Once a student is happy with their grade, they should communicate with their teacher about next steps. For some students, they may wish to continue producing work for feedback instead of grades. Work that is not completed or that would lower a student's grade will not be factored into a student's grade.

Do we get to choose which assignments that we can replace our new grades with?

Each department has developed a plan for teachers to work with students to determine how assignments during remote learning are factored into grades. Students who have specific questions should reach out to their teacher directly.

How do we inform our teachers about what grade we decide to accept?

Students do not need to let teachers know about how they want their grades posted to their transcript (i.e., numerical average or PC-19). They should, however, communicate with their teachers if they are hoping to improve their grade based on tasks that may be assigned for a grade during remote learning. Individual teachers will set up processes by which students can notify them if they wish to have work graded to improve their average.

What happens if we want our grades to stay and we're happy with them? Do we have to continue attending classes? Will the attendance count against me?

As a school, our desire is to engage students throughout the entirety of remote learning; however, if a student is happy with their grade and does not attend future remote learning sessions, their grade will not be negatively impacted due to failure to attend live sessions.

Notice & Posting of Grades

How do students request a numerical grade be posted to their report card and transcript instead of PC-19?

To request that a numerical grade be posted to their transcript, students and parents must complete and submit a form that documents their request to have a numerical grade posted in place of PC-19. Without this form being submitted, passing grades will automatically default to a PC-19 mark.

When will the form for requesting a numerical grade be available? When and how can we turn in this form?

We will post the "Request to Post Numeric Average Spring 2020" form for students and parents to request a numerical grade on the Green Level High School website by June 5, 2020; however, we will also tentatively be mailing every student a copy of the form with a copy of their final course grades on Monday, June 8. Students can submit this form via mail (we will enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope in the mailer sent on June 8) or electronically by emailing the completed and signed form to glhscovidgrades@wcpss.net.

How long do students/families have to fill out the form requesting numerical grades?

To ensure that appropriate modifications are made to transcripts and historical records, we are asking that families complete and return the grade form by June 19, 2020.

GPA's, Transcripts, Class Rank, Etc.

Will we still have a class rank? If so, how will it be affected?

While state board policy states that class rank must appear on an official transcript, WCPSS only recognizes students based on the Latin Honors system (e.g., cum laude, magna cum laude, summa cum laude).

That being said, the class rank that appears on transcripts is based on the student's weighted grade point average (GPA). If students' grades are defaulted to PC-19, GPA (both weighted and unweighted) will not be impacted. In other words, the PC-19 grade does not help or hurt the GPA. If a student fills out the form and requests numerical grades on their transcript, however, final grades will impact GPA.

Can students choose which courses affect their GPA and which courses don't?

In short, yes. Students who opt to have a numerical grade posted on their transcript will have those grades factored into their GPA. Whereas, any grade for which a student takes a PC-19 will not be factored into a student's GPA. It's important to note, however, that limiting the number of courses that are calculated into the GPA may impact quality point weights for other courses.

I have 3 As and 1 C. Can I take my numerical grade for the 3 As and just have the PC-19 for my C? Will the 3 As be counted towards my GPA?

All students have the chance to decide whether passing grades in courses will be reflected as a numerical grade or as a PC-19 (Pass) on their transcript. While both grade options result in credit towards graduation, only numerical grades will factor into the student's GPA with any applicable weight. When considering whether to have some grades reflected as numerical averages and some as PC-19, students and families are encouraged to speak with a school counselor to make an informed decision. Our counselors have also provided some general guidance via a [video](#) that is posted to our school website.

Would colleges find it odd if certain classes have a grade and others don't? Will they judge the students based on what classes they chose to show their grades? Does one look better than the other?

While there is no clear-cut answer to this question, students and parents who have specific questions about how posted grades may impact college and university admission decisions are encouraged to speak with a school counselor. Students are also strongly encouraged to try reaching out to colleges and universities that they're interested in to get feedback directly from admissions staff of those respective institutions.

Counselor Conversations

How can I get in contact with my counselor?

During the week of May 18-22, GLHS staff will be reaching out to families to check in and see if students/parents are interested in setting up a time to speak with a counselor about transcripts and the posting of grades. Outside of this, the best way to get in contact with school counselors is by email. Email addresses for all staff members are located on the Green Level High School website under the [staff directory](#), which is located under the "Our School" tab. Contact information for school counselors can also be found on the [Student Services page](#).
