

Panther Creek High School



Spring 2020 Grade Choice – Academic Counseling



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Fall 2019 Semester Courses

Fall 2019 Semester Courses: Grades 9-12

- ❑ Fall Semester Courses

- ❑ Students will receive the numeric grades they earned and that have already been posted

- ❑ Grades will not be revisited



Spring 2020 Semester: Grade 12

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- ▶ If the student was passing the course as of content delivered through March 13, the student will receive a PASS for the course. This will award one credit but will not impact grade point average (GPA) or class rank. The grade will be recorded on the transcript as “PC-19” (Pass COVID 19).
- ▶ If the student is still not passing a course as of content delivered through March 13, the student will receive a WITHDRAWAL for the course. No course credit will be awarded, and it will not impact the grade point average (GPA) or class rank. The grade will be recorded on the transcript as “WC-19” (Withdraw COVID 19).



Spring 2020 Semester: Grades 9-11

Spring Semester Classes (Grades 9-11): General Information

- ❑ By default, for **each course**, students will receive a
 - ❑ **“Pass” (PC-19)** for students with grades 60-100 and **one** credit will be awarded.
 - ❑ **“Withdrawal” (WC-19)** for students with a grade of 0-59 and no course credit will be awarded.
- ❑ Students must indicate whether they want to post a numeric grade or use the pass/withdrawal method for each course. Student and parent must complete, sign and return the ***Request to Post Grades for Spring 2020 (Grades 9-11) form*** to all the teachers and the counselor by the end of the day on Friday, June 5, 2020.
- ❑ The 3rd Quarter grade is also the final course grade for the semester.
- ❑ There are no 4th Quarter grades for the Spring 2020 semester.
- ❑ Final exams for courses will not be administered for the Spring 2020 semester.

Spring Semester Courses Continued

- ❑ Students have two options for 3rd Quarter (Final grades): Option 1: Numeric Grade or Option 2: Pass (PC-19)
- ❑ Students may make this choice individually by course on the ***Request to Post Grades for Spring 2020 (Grades 9-11)*** form
- ❑ Example: May choose to take numerical grade in one course, but a Pass (PC-19) in another course

Example of Request to Post Grades for Spring 2020 (Grade 9-11) Form

Course Name	Place an “x” if you choose numeric grade for this class...	Place an “x” if you choose Pass (PC19) for this class...	<i>If you chose numeric, the grade you have in PowerSchool is...</i>
English 2	X		95
Biology		X	
Dance 2	X		85
Foods 1		X	

Option 1: Numerical Grades

- ❑ Students could improve their 3rd Quarter grade/Final grade (average as of March 13th) through remote learning
- ❑ 3rd Quarter grade/Final grade (averages as of March 13th) cannot be lowered based on work during remote learning
- ❑ If student selects this option as the final grade for a course, the numerical grade will appear on transcript and factor into student's GPA (with any applicable weight)
- ❑ A passing numerical grade for 3rd Quarter will result in a credit towards graduation

Option 2: Pass (PC-19)

- ❑ Student who was passing a course as of March 13th may choose to receive a “Pass” (PC-19) for the course
- ❑ The “PC-19” code will appear on transcript
- ❑ Course credit will be awarded towards graduation
- ❑ A PC-19 code will **not** factor into the student’s GPA

Withdrawal Code (WC-19)

- ❑ A student who is **not** passing a course (Average 0-59) will receive a “Withdrawal” (WC-19) for the course
- ❑ The code “WC-19” will appear on transcript
- ❑ **No** course credit towards graduation will be awarded
- ❑ A WC-19 code will **not** factor into the student’s GPA in a positive or negative way.
- ❑ If a student receives a WC-19 code for a course that is needed to meet North Carolina’s graduation requirements, then the student will have to retake the course.



What is the best option?

Option 1: Numeric Grade or Option 2: PC (19)

Factors to Consider

Below are factors students may want to consider when deciding whether to post a numerical grade or PC-19 code:

- ❑ Your current situation – What other responsibilities did you have, and how did they impact your ability to access remote learning and resources for the course
- ❑ Your post-secondary plans – How will your choice impact your post-secondary plans? Consider contacting your prospective colleges and ask how admissions will consider PC-19 vs. numerical grades. Make sure you tell the admissions officer that you have the option to select a numerical grade or PC-19 code for each course

Factors to Consider

- ❑ Impact on GPA – Consider the numerical grade's impact on your weighted and unweighted GPA. Remember, PC-19 marks are not factored into the GPA.
- ❑ Consult with your counselor – If you have questions pertaining to this, please email your assigned counselor to address options/next steps
- ❑ To find your administrator and counselor:
<https://www.wcpss.net/domain/15755>



What appears on my WCPSS transcript?

WCPSS Transcripts Examples

Option 1 Numeric Grade: Student earns an 87% in Honors English II for the Spring Semester. Below, is what will post to the transcript and be factored in the student's GPA:

Course	Grade	Weighted GPA	Unweighted GPA	Credit
Honors English 2	87	3.5	3	1.0

Option 2 Pass PC-19: Student earns a passing grade as of March 13th in Honors English II and chooses to post the PC-19 mark for the Spring Semester. Below, is what will post to the transcript (not factored into GPA):

Course	Grade	Weighted GPA	Unweighted GPA	Credit
Honors English 2	PC 19			1.0

WCPSS Transcripts Example Continued

Example 3: Student does not earn a passing grade in Honors English II for the Spring Semester. Below, is what will post to the transcript:

Course	Grade	Weighted GPA	Unweighted GPA	Credit
Honors English 2	WC-19			0.0



Process for Grade Choice

Request to Post Grades (9-11) Process

- ❑ A ***Request to Post Grades (9-11)*** form will be attached to the school messenger for the student/parent to request that the school post the numerical grade for the course. Every student must complete a form indicating their decision of what grade to post on their WCPSS transcript.
- ❑ The ***Request to Post Grades (9-11)*** form must be signed by the student and parent/guardian, and returned by the end of the day Friday, June 5, 2020 to all teachers and counselor via email:
 - ❑ Attach the completed electronic form to the email
 - ❑ If you cannot attach the file, you can send a picture of the completed paper
 - ❑ If you cannot provide the completed form, indicate your choices and the required information in an email

If you have questions/concerns, please reach out to your alphabet counselor.

Things to Remember

- ❑ If a ***Request to Post Grades (9-11)*** form is not submitted, then the default mark is a “Pass” (PC-19) if the student is passing the course or “Withdrawal” (WC-19) if not passing
- ❑ A ***Request to Post Grades (9-11)*** form must be submitted by June 5, 2020 and indicate each class on the form



Additional Information

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For student athletes who desire to play at the collegiate level (Division I or Division II):

- ❑ NCAA-approved core courses completed in Spring/Summer 2020 that have been issued a grade of “Pass” (PC-19), the Eligibility Center will apply credits earned in these courses toward the core course requirement in the student’s certification



Grade and Quality Point Information

Quality Points

	Grading Scale	Quality Points		
Letter Grade	Numerical Range	Academic	Honors	AP
A	90-100	4	4.5	5
B	80-89	3	3.5	4
C	70-79	2	2.5	3
D	60-69	1	1.5	2
F	≤ 59	0	0	0

Calculating GPA: Weighted vs. Unweighted

- ▶ Weighted GPA:
 - ▶ Use the appropriate quality points from the chart in the previous slide based on the level of course and your grade (extra 0.5 quality point for Honors-level courses and extra 1.0 quality point for AP-level courses)
- ▶ Unweighted GPA:
 - ▶ All courses are factored as the same level and no quality points are added to the grade – use the “academic” column on the previous slide for all courses
- ▶ Calculating GPA:
 - ▶ Add up the total points from all your grades and divide by the number of courses taken

Calculating My Semester GPA Examples

Course	Grade	Weighted Quality Points
Dance	85	3
Honors English 2	92	4.5
AP Psychology	80	4
Biology	80	3

Step 1: Add up weight: $3+4.5+4+3 = 14.5$

Step 2: Divide the total in step 1 by the total of classes taken: $14.5/4 = 3.625$
Weighted GPA

Course	Grade	Unweighted Quality Points
Dance	85	3
Honors English 2	92	4
AP Psychology	80	3
Biology	80	3

Step 1: Add up weight: $3+4+3+3 = 13.0$

Step 2: Divide the total in step 1 by the total of classes taken: $13/4 = 3.25$
UnWeighted GPA

Calculating My Semester GPA Examples

Course	Grade	Weighted Quality Points
Dance	85	3
Honors English 2	92	4.5
AP Psychology	P	Not factored in the GPA
Biology	P	Not factored in the GPA

Step 1: Add up weight: $3+4.5 = 7.5$

Step 2: Divide the total in step 1 by the number of classes that will be factored in the GPA: $7.5/2 = 3.75$ Weighted GPA

Course	Grade	UnWeighted Quality Points
Dance	85	3
Honors English 2	92	4
AP Psychology	P	Not factored in the GPA
Biology	W	Not factored in the GPA

Step 1: Add up weight: $3+4 = 7$

Step 2: Divide the total in step 1 by the number of classes that will be factored in the GPA: $7/2 = 3.5$ UnWeighted GPA

Cumulative Weighted or UnWeighted GPA

- ❑ The GPA that is reported on the WCPSS transcript is **cumulative** and it starts in the student's freshman year of high school.
- ❑ Add up all the quality points from all your grades for each course (weighted or unweighted);
- ❑ Then divide the total quality points by the number of courses you have taken since freshman year.

Reminders

- ❑ Request to Post Grades form (9-11) form due date: Friday, June 5, 2020
- ❑ Questions about your class grade should be directed to that teacher
- ❑ General questions can be directed to your counselor

