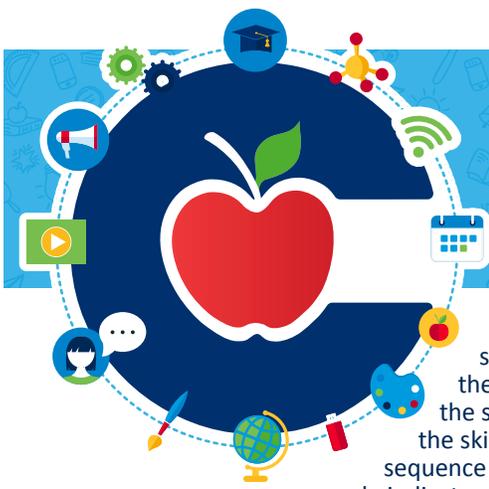


Fourth Nine-Week's Elementary/Intermediate Grading Guidelines



Due to COVID-19, social distancing and the closing of schools have impacted both students and staff. Because of the loss of instructional time and limited interactions, the Curriculum & Instruction Department has worked closely with campuses to modify the scope and sequence of each course and establish instructional objectives that address the skills necessary for successful performance in the next grade level or next course in a sequence of courses. Assignments and instructional activities are designed so that the student's grade indicates the level of mastery of the designated District objectives for the course.

During the Fourth Nine-Week Grading Period:

- Students will not be placed at a disadvantage because of limited computer access, lack of technology skills, or other unusual circumstances.
- The fourth nine-week's grade will not be lower than the third nine-week's grade.
- All grades will be formative in nature, and all graded assignments will be equally weighted to make up the fourth nine-week's grade for the course.
- Students will have the opportunity to be retaught and be allowed to resubmit assignments for a higher grade.
- Students will not be penalized for late work.
- There will be no major grades or exams.
- The final course grade will be determined by averaging each of the nine-week's grades.
- Students will have no more than one graded assignment per week in each of the core content areas (Reading, Writing, Math, Science and Social Studies).
- In Fine Arts and P.E., students (PreK-6th grade) will be assigned the same grade as earned during the third nine-weeks, unless it was a failing grade or less than an 'S'. No student will receive a failing grade or anything less than an 'S' in P.E. or Fine Arts courses.
 - Parents and students are encouraged to utilize the resources that Fine Arts and P.E. teachers have provided for students to enjoy at home. Intermediate students in band, choir, art and orchestra are encouraged to continue their daily skill development.
- PreK students will receive the same grade as they did in the third nine-weeks.
 - If a skill was not addressed in the third nine-weeks, students can be assessed on that skill provided the teacher has sufficient evidence. If a teacher is unable to assess a student in that area, the report card will have a "NA" to represent the information was "not assessed."
- Teachers can offer more than one assignment per week, but the teacher must identify the one assignment, if any, that will be graded for the week in that course.
- Students will receive academic feedback at least once a week in each core academic content area (Reading, Writing, Math, Science and Social Studies).
 - Feedback can be in the form of a rubric to assess understanding of an identified essential TEKS, a numerical grade, participation in an activity, or any other method that appropriately assesses the student.
- Whether or not students are able to return to school, no more than one graded assignment per week will extend through the last day of school on May 28, 2020.
- Qualifying students will continue to receive accommodations and modifications.
- Students who are assessed using a standards-based report card will receive, at a minimum, the same assessment given during the third nine-week grading period for skills that have been previously addressed.
 - Teachers of these students will need to conduct a parent-teacher conference in lieu of the progress report to discuss any new celebrations or skills that are still developing.

Grading Examples – Fourth Nine-Weeks

	First Nine-Week's Grade	Second Nine-Week's Grade	Third Nine-Week's Grade	Fourth Nine-Week's Grade	Final Course Grade Calculation
Example 1	95	85	80	90	$(95 + 85 + 80 + 90) / 4 = 88$ Final Average
Example 2	85	75	80	70	$(85 + 75 + 80 + 80) / 4 = 80$ Final Average <i>(70 not used in calculation)</i>
Example 3	90	85	80	60	$(90 + 85 + 80 + 80) / 4 = 84$ Final Average <i>(60 not used in calculation)</i>
Example 4	80	75	60	80	$(80 + 75 + 60 + 80) / 4 = 74$ Final Average