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Unified School District**
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Patrick Sánchez, Superintendent
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Dear Parent/Guardian,

RE: HIGH SCHOOL GRADE CHANGES: 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR

Governor Gavin Newsom signed Assembly Bill 104 (Gonzalez) on July 1, 2021. The bill provides for a limited process to request that high school grades earned during the 2020-21 school year be changed from a letter grade to Pass or No Pass. This process applies only to students attending high school during the 2020-21 school year, and the process must be completed before August 17, 2021.

Process for Requesting a Grade Change

To be eligible for a grade change, the pupil must have been enrolled in high school in the 2020-21 academic year.

The application form to request a grade change may be downloaded at <https://www.rsusd.org/> go to the High School Grade Change link. The form is also available on the Avenal High School website at <https://www.rsusd.net/o/ahs>

There is no limit on the number or type of courses eligible for a grade change. However, please note that grade change requests for a dual enrollment/concurrent enrollment course taught by faculty outside of the school district are subject to consultation with the institution that awarded the grade.

A Parent, guardian, or education rights holder of a pupil, or, for a pupil who is 18 years of age or older, the pupil, must request the grade change no later than August 17, 2021. The application must be submitted to lgarcia@rsusd.org by email. ANY APPLICATION RECEIVED AFTER THAT DATE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED, PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LEGISLATION.

When considering your decision please keep the following in mind:

A grade of A, B, C or D = Pass

A grade of F = No Pass

A traditional grade may fail to accurately assess a student due to the challenges of online learning.

A grade of Pass/No Pass is not calculated into your GPA. The GPA is not positively or negatively affected by a grade of Pass/No Pass.

For students working towards A-G eligibility, converting a “D” grade to a Pass grade will eliminate the need to make up the course and will help keep your student on track to being A-G eligible.

This policy is in effect for courses taken in the 2020-21 school year only.

Some postsecondary institutions, including in other states, may not accept a P/NP grade for admission purposes (see more details below).

(15 calendar days from when LEA sends this notice). Late requests cannot be considered.



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Within 15 calendar days of receiving the application, you will be notified that the change to the pupil's transcript has been made.

Important Information Regarding Potential Impact of Grade Changes on College Admissions

Assembly Bill 104 requires that the California State University system not penalize students for Pass/No Pass grades for admission purposes for any applicant who was enrolled in a California high school during any school year from the 2020-21 school year to the 2023-24 school year.

This requirement does not apply to the University of California, private postsecondary educational institutions in California, or any public or private postsecondary educational institution outside of California.

A list of postsecondary educational institutions in California that have indicated they will not penalize students for Pass/No Pass grades for admission purposes may be found at www.cde.ca.gov/ci/gs/ps/ab104surveyresults.asp .

PLEASE NOTE: Some postsecondary educational institutions, including those in other states, may not accept a Pass or No Pass grade instead of a letter grade for admission purposes. If the pupil in question has applied for, or is intending to apply for admission to a postsecondary educational institution that does not appear on the list noted above, a consultation with the Admissions office of that institution is highly recommended.

Please contact Mr. Juan Ruiz at Avenal High School with any questions regarding this grade change process.