Big Sandy ISD
Grading Procedures During COVID-19

As school closures continue to be extended, decisions regarding the grading of assignments and promotion to the next grade level must be made. After much consideration, research, and guidance from TEA, the following decisions have been made about these topics:

- For a student to be considered passing for the remainder of the year, the student MUST participate in either online instruction or instruction provided through the paper packets being mailed home. Paper packets will continue to be sent via USPS.
- Packets may be dropped off in the “drop off” containers on Tuesdays from 9:00-7:00. Elementary student drop off is in the pick-up area in the north end of the elementary parking lot. Secondary student drop off is in front of the high school.
- Assignments during “At Home” learning will be assessed on a pass/fail basis and help determine mastery of skills and readiness to be promoted to the next grade.
- Valedictorian and Salutatorian for graduating seniors from the class of 2020 only will be calculated at the end of the fourth six weeks due to COVID-19.
- GPA, Class Rank, and all other Honors to be awarded for all students throughout the district will be calculated at the end of the fourth six weeks for the 2019-2020 school year due to COVID-19.
- Grade 3-8 STAAR and EOCs will not be given this spring or summer. Normally, passing an EOC test is a graduation requirement. However, this school year only, students currently enrolled in EOC-tested courses (English I, English II, Algebra I, Biology, and U.S.)
History) will NOT have to complete their corresponding EOC test, provided they earn course credit during the 2019-2020 school year.

- If your child is a senior and has not passed all EOCs and/or earned credits for graduation, your student advisor will be contacting you regarding the Individual Graduation Committee process.

It is very important that every student is able to participate in “At-Home” learning. If you are not able to access technology OR the paper packet, please notify your child’s teacher via email or call 903 636-5287. Please leave a message if your call is not answered. Big Sandy ISD will work with you on an individual basis to meet your child’s needs.

Big Sandy ISD’s goal is to promote every student to the next grade level and to ensure that no student is negatively impacted by the current circumstances of the COVID-19 closures. In order to accomplish this, we need every parent’s help. Participation in “At Home” Learning is very important. If you or your child should need anything, please email your child’s teacher. Teachers are regularly checking their email. Counselors as well as campus principals are available to assist as needed and can be reached by email. All staff emails are available at: www.bigsandyisd.org.

Big Sandy ISD is aware that this closure could have long-term effects on students. In an effort to identify any gaps in learning that have developed as a result of the COVID-19 closure, Big Sandy ISD will make curricular adjustments in the Fall 2020 semester. This will include curriculum that reviews essential skills from the Spring 2020 5th six weeks and, when needed, accelerated instruction plans for individual students. Big Sandy ISD will administer a universal screener to all students at the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year to assess each student’s needs and develop individual plans as needed.