



QJH Grading Guidelines During COVID-19

Why Are We Changing Our Grading Guidelines?

- We understand this global pandemic has had **overwhelming impacts** on everyone. We want to **balance expectations** for teachers and families and to **extend GRACE to ALL** our QJH family during this time of crisis.
- We understand that this shift to remote learning has changed the **instructional impact** and we recognize the need to **preserve the integrity of our grading system**.
- We understand that students have **varying levels of support and instructional resources** at home.

Why Not Just Use Pass/Fail?

- Pass/Fail does not provide all students with the opportunity to **raise their overall semester average/GPA**. By including **numerical** grades earned during the fourth nine-week grading period, students have an opportunity to **raise a previous low or failing grade** from the third nine-weeks and/or the first semester.

What Are the New Secondary Grading Guidelines?

- **No fewer than 8 grades and no more than 10 grades** per course during the fourth nine-weeks. Teachers may still give some ungraded assignments, and there is no limit to those.
- All grades will be **weighted the same** in the gradebook.
- Any grade that is significant (test/project-like) will count **twice** in the gradebook.
- All assignments will have a **one-week timeframe** to be completed / turned-in. There will be an **additional week period of grace** beyond the initial deadline. Teachers may choose to deduct points for late work beyond the grace period.
- **The Fourth Nine-Week average will not negatively impact student averages/GPA**. The 2020 spring semester average will be determined by the 3rd nine-week grade and the *higher* of the 3rd or 4th nine-week grade.

- There will be **no final exams** this semester.

What About STAAR End of Course (EOC) tests?

- **Grades 3-8 STAAR and EOCs will not be given this spring or summer.**
- **SSI for 2019-2020 has been removed as a condition of grade level advancement.**

I Still Have Questions. Who Do I Contact?

- **You may reach out teachers, counselors, or principals by email. All staff emails are available at: www.quitmanisd.net. Click Junior High School campus then click on the Staff link.**
- For **general questions** about QISD, call or text 903.497.7323.
- For questions or troubleshooting regarding **Chromebooks or Kajeet HotSpots**, call or text 903.497.7719.
- If you have **extenuating circumstances** of any kind with regard to your assignments, internet access or **other specific or personal considerations**, please send an email to JHOutreach@quitmanisd.net.