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Pass/Fail Grading Policy – Trimester 3 of 2019-20 School Year Distance Learning During COVID-19 School Closure

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Hello Students and Parents,

Distance Learning will never replace face to face, teacher, instruction. We realize that families continue to face adversity surrounding reliable internet access, household work schedules, employment, and other COVID-19 lifestyle changes. Due to these factors, NHESD has determined that the most equitable grading practice is the practice of Pass/Fail grades. This temporary modification will allow us to address the challenges of distance learning, and alleviate the academic pressure placed on students and parents. We do however, maintain our commitment to cover and deliver instruction so that each child is academically prepared for next school year.

New Hope Elementary School District has adopted the following grading policy during this period of distance learning.

- Students will either earn Pass (P) or Fail (F)) for the third trimester (in each subject) on their report cards.
- Primary Grades (Grades K - 4th): 65-100% = Pass 0-64% = Fail
- Upper Grades (5th – 8th): 60-100% = Pass 0-59% = Fail
- Report cards will be noted in the comment section with "*Distance Learning During COVID-19 School Closure*".
- We want all students to pass during the 3rd Trimester. New Hope staff members are working hard to minimize the chances that a student's grade suffers as a result of our move to distance learning. However, it is the parent and the student's responsibility to complete all assignments, and to check-in with the teachers (as required).
- If a student does not satisfactorily complete assignments or check-in with their teachers, then the student may receive failing scores for the trimester. Failing scores can lead to your child being retained in their current grade.
- Grades for this term will NOT be included in a student's overall GPA calculation.
- For this year, the Valedictorian/Salutatorian will be determined by calculating a student's GPA using the grades students had at end of Trimester 2 (February 28, 2020).