

# Depew Union Free School District

## COVID-19 End of Year Guidelines/Expectations

### Grades 6-12

#### Key Grading/Feedback Concepts:

- Traditional grading practices are suspended during this time
- Shift from traditional numeric grading to providing feedback with opportunities to improve
- **USE LATEST AND BEST EVIDENCE** for end of year grading scenarios:
  - A. Student passing course up to remote closure and does not engage in remote learning: student passes course. (**Best evidence**, since not sure of home situation)
  - B. Student failing course up to remote learning and engages during remote learning with satisfactory work: student passes course (**Latest evidence**)
  - C. A and B above are NOT to be averaged since they don't use the same criteria for measuring learning. Either scenario will result in earning course credit.

#### Emergency Remote Teaching vs. Online Learning

##### Emergency Remote Teaching:

-unplanned extended emergency closure where the teacher must provide new instruction from a distance with little to no advance notice and preparation (COVID-19 scenario)

##### Online Learning:

Typically associated with high school students and higher education. Those that enter into online learning, choose to do so, and are prepared for the entirety of the course to be provided online. Teachers have time to prepare course materials in advance.

#### End of Year Project

- **To be completed ONLY by students receiving an N for the course**
- Teachers that have students receiving an N (Incomplete) must create an end of the course project.
  - All like courses (i.e. all ELA 9 classes) must use the same project (i.e a writing response to a certain prompt/scenario). Many schools are having students write about their experience during the pandemic and creating an argument for/against certain decisions that have been made, backed up with evidence)
  - Required elements for project design are detailed on this [template](#)

#### End of Year Final Grades

- Only grades of P (pass) or N (Incomplete) will be entered into PowerSchool.
- If a student receives an N for a final grade, they will not receive course credit until remedial work is done for it to become a P
  - Teachers must fill out [COVID-19 Notification of Student Incomplete](#) for EACH student that receives an N in their course.
    - Student must attend summer school or be placed in credit recovery next school year to earn course credit.

**The recommendations on grading are based upon the principle of no educational harm to any child. This pandemic and the statewide suspension of in-person instruction – the first in modern history – has impacted our entire society.**

Our District does not want a negative impact on students. In place of an "F," students will receive an "N" (incomplete) that can be made up when the remote learning period ends. There are factors outside of the control of our District, with learning being moved off-site; therefore, the aim is that student grades are not lowered as a result of remote learning.