

Wolverines' E-Learning



Middle & High School – 4th Marking Period

In an attempt to attain a sense of academic normalcy, we have developed an e-learning program that we hope will avoid additional stress to students and their families.

Our goal is to not leave any student that makes an attempt to participate and engage in their learning behind. We believe that this student-centered approach accounts for issues pertaining to, but not limited to, appropriate access, IEP mandates, 504 regulations, potential external/personal challenges, etc.

E-Learning

- Many teachers have adopted an online platform, either Schoology or Google Classroom and will continue to utilize them as appropriate to fit our students' needs.
- If any instructional packets are utilized, they will be delivered to students and those teachers will be in communication regarding the completion of those items.
- Many teachers are coordinating Zoom Meetings with their students during the week. These meetings usually average at least 20 minutes and we encourage student participation. There are also many teachers offering Zoom office hours, where students can ask questions or receive more personalized help from a teacher.

3rd Marking Period

- Originally, the 3rd Marking Period closed on Thursday, April 9th, however, we extended the opportunity for students to complete assignments over our Spring Break until Noon on April 20th. The 3rd Marking Period report cards will be viewable in PowerSchool April 28th.

4th Marking Period & Final Grades

- The 4th Marking Period began on April 20, 2020. Throughout the next ten weeks, grades will be posted and visible to students and parents in PowerSchool. If you need parental access, email the Guidance and Counseling Department at kcroscut@westfieldcsd.org

Assignments & Grading

- Students are encouraged to keep up with their assignments. It is critical that students check in to **all of their classes** (i.e.: Google Classroom, Schoology, Remind, etc.) and their school email regularly in order to put forth their best effort.
- Many teachers are providing students with a calendar (1-week, 2-week, etc.) of assignments and their due dates. We recommend students and their families plan according with this information to help us facilitate instruction at home.
- Teachers will be providing an appropriate number of assignments based on their course requirements.

- **High School**
 - Our students will be graded per district's expectations using our standard **numerical grade** scale (i.e. 7/10, 85%, etc.).
 - Students will have the opportunity to resubmit their assignment for a higher grade.
 - Students with missing assignments during the 4th quarter will be allowed to make them up for full credit. Students will **not** be penalized for completing an assignment after its due date.
 - Advanced Placement (AP) and college courses (JCC & Buffalo State) will adhere to those expectations and guidance established by their organization.
 - Students enrolled in an AP course has been in regular contact with their teachers regarding AP examination(s) information in May.
- **Middle School**
 - Students will be graded using our standard **numerical** grade scale (i.e.: 7/10, 85%, etc.) in Math, ELA, Science, Social Studies, and Spanish course ONLY.
 - Students will be graded holistically on a Pass (**P**)/Fail (**F**) scale for their assignments in the 4th Marking Period in Middle School Special Area courses (i.e. Physical Education, Health, Home & Careers, Art, Computer Applications, Technology, Chorus, Band, etc.).
 - **Pass** = Evidence of Learning. Student has demonstrated learning of the essential curriculum.
 - **Fail** = Student has not demonstrated learning of the essential curriculum. Student will be given the opportunity to redo and resubmit the work to demonstrate learning.
 - Students with missing assignments during the 4th quarter will be allowed to make them up for full credit. Students will **not** be penalized for completing an assignment after its due date.

Final Exams

- There will be **no** final exams this year. For our 40 Weeks courses, yearly final averages will be based on the average of the four quarters. For our 20 Weeks (Semester) courses, semester course averages will be determined by calculating the average of the two marking period periods.
- Teachers may assign a final project or similar task that will be included in their 4th quarter average.

Regents Exams

- Regents examinations for June 2020 have been cancelled. Students enrolled in a Regents course will be exempted from the exam. However, in order to qualify for the exemptions, the student **must pass the course**. Students who successfully pass the course will receive Regents credit as they have in the past.

We would like to thank you for your support during this unprecedented time. We will continuously monitor and revisit our students' performance and adjust as necessary to ensure our students have the same opportunity to continue to grow as lifelong learners inside the classroom as well as in our new virtual classroom.

Continue to be safe and take care of your family and community.