

HCMS
W E E K L Y C A L E N D A R
2019-20
For Week of April 27, 2020
(Last Update 4/**23**/20)

Please note: future calendars will have new info added in **RED**

Principal Notes:

Please note, each week I update the calendar and **NEW ITEMS will be in RED.**

This newest calendar is even more important to read as the Governor has directed all KY schools to close their doors to in-person school for the remainder of this school year. With that said, finalizing procedures for “shutting down” are being developed as I write. Included in this communication is:

- 1. FINAL NTI Packet information**
- 2. How NTI Packets will be graded**
- 3. Deadline for NTI Packet turn-in**

In next week’s calendar, I will include the newly-developed plan for retrieving individual student items from lockers, etc. PLEASE stay tuned as students will NOT be allowed back into the building due to safety

concerns. This information will also be broadcast thru district communications.

NTI Packet Information:

“The Past”:

- NTI 1-5 Packets: Assigned the week of March 9-13 DUE Friday, April 17.
- NTI 6-10 Packets: Assigned the week of March 16-20 DUE Friday, April 17.

Note: NTI Packets 1-5 & 6-10 included content your child had already seen/worked on/learned from August 2019 thru March- essentially a review of skills already learned.

- NTI 21-25 (Intended for student work the week of April 13-17). **Due May 8.**

“The Present”:

- NTI 26-30 (Intended for student work the week of April 20-24).

“The Future”:

- NTI Packet (31-35) to be available first thing Friday morning, April 24th. This is student work intended for the week of April 27-May 1.

NTI Packet 31-35 is the LAST PACKET OF INSTRUCTION FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR.

ALL NTI PACKETS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, MAY 8TH

Grading of Packets DEFINED:

Preface: Let me start by saying that the plan for the grading of packets was NOT done on a whim. Careful consideration was made by multiple teachers and school administrators. I expect our students to work. I equally expect our teachers to value and take the time to thoroughly grade your child's work. Below you will find our plan for grading student work:

PARENTS: Please note regarding time gaps from turn-in to parent portal grades showing up...

Please know that we clear those NTI returned-assignment boxes, sanitize them, and let them sit for 48 hours prior to the grading phase. We also have to split up the packets by subject and get them to the individual teacher for grading.

There will be time gaps from parent or student turn-in to the time the assignment is GRADED and reported into parent portal/Infinite Campus.

WEIGHTING of the nine-weeks:

Our school consists of four (4) nine-week grading periods. Our students were essentially "present" and in-seat for only three (3) of those grading periods. The fourth nine-weeks fell during the entire NTI period. Out of respect for the first three (3)

nine-week grading periods in which students were physically in the school for instruction, those nine-week grades will EACH COUNT FOR 30% of your child's overall/final grade for the year.

The fourth (4th) nine-weeks of NTI will ONLY BE WEIGHTED 10% of the final grade. This was a district decision to provide as much student-friendly weighting considering the unique circumstances posed by NTI.

30%-30%-30%-10%

Total Number of “classes” your child will have/ shown on their eventual report card in the fourth (4th) nine-weeks:

- FIVE (5) and they are/were:
 - English/Language Arts
 - Math
 - Science
 - Social Studies
 - Explore (music, agriculture, PE, health, art)

Total Number of “Assignments” your child will have/ shown on their eventual report card in the fourth (4th) nine-weeks:

- There are/were a total of six (6) grades in the fourth (4th) nine-weeks for each of the five (5) classes. They are/were subject-level assignments from:
 - NTI Packet 1-5
 - NTI Packet 6-10
 - NTI Packet 11-20

- NTI Packet 21-25
- NTI Packet 26-30
- NTI Packet 31-35

TWO DIFFERENT GRADING METHODS:

- The NTI instruction (this was mentioned in last week's calendar) is basically divided into two (2) parts:
- NTI 1 thru 10: These were packets of review work. ALL students had been in school for all of that content covered on packets 1-10.
- NTI 11-35: These packets were different from 1-10 in that they included SOME new material. In order to be fair to the student, these packets MUST HAVE an easier method of grading since this material was new.

Grading Method #1 (Packet 1-5 & Packet 6-10)

- Grade worth 100 points.
- 50 points awarded REGARDLESS just for it being returned to school with the child's name on it.
- Remaining 50 points were based on percent correct answers. Again, this WAS REVIEW of passed work student had been exposed to in-person here at school.

- **Example #1:** "Sammy" turns in NTI packet 1-5. He automatically earned 50 points right off the bat IN EACH SUBJECT. His teachers then check his answers from the five different subjects that were found in the NTI 1-5 packet.

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- For English, he got 60% of the questions correct. OVERALL GRADE FOR ENGLISH: 80% (50/50 points for simply turning in. 30/50 points earned for % correct)
- For Math, he got 100% questions correct. OVERALL GRADE FOR MATH: 100% (50/50 points for simply turning in. 50/50 points earned for % correct)
- For Science, he got 20% of the questions correct. OVERALL GRADE FOR SCIENCE: 60% (50/50 points for simply turning in. 10/50 points earned for % correct)
- For Social Studies, he got 90% of the questions correct. OVERALL GRADE FOR Social Studies: 95% (50/50 points for simply turning in. 45/50 points earned for % correct)
- For Explore, he doesn't do the assignment. OVERALL GRADE FOR Explore: 50% (50/50 points for simply turning in. 0/50 points earned for % correct)

Grading Method #2 (Packet 11-35)

- Grade worth 100 points.
- 50 points awarded REGARDLESS just for it being returned to school with the child's name on it.
- Remaining 50 points were based on percent of questions ATTEMPTED (effort in trying). This was SPECIFICALLY DONE to benefit the student. Trying and failing on new material is still equally valued.

Example #2: “Sally” turns in NTI packet 21-25. She automatically earned 50 points right off the bat IN EACH SUBJECT. Her teachers then check her answers from the five different subjects that were found in the NTI 21-25 packet.

- For English, she ATTEMPTED all the questions. OVERALL GRADE FOR ENGLISH: 100% (50/50 points for simply turning in. 50/50 points earned for attempting to answer all)
- For Math, she attempted all the questions. OVERALL GRADE FOR MATH: 100% (50/50 points for simply turning in. 50/50 points earned for attempting to answer all)
- For Science, she attempted 50% of the questions and left the other 50% blank. OVERALL GRADE FOR SCIENCE: 75% (50/50 points for simply turning in. 25/50 points earned for attempting half the questions)
- For Social Studies, she attempted all the questions. OVERALL GRADE FOR Social Studies: 100% (50/50 points for simply turning in. 50/50 points earned for attempting all questions)
- For Explore, she doesn't do the assignment. OVERALL GRADE FOR Explore: 50% (50/50 points for simply turning in. 0/50 points earned for attempting nothing)

Like LIFE, half of it comes down to simply showing up.....

PLEASE-

turn in those packets & remember to put student name on them!

ALL NTIs DUE BY:
FRIDAY, MAY 8

Notable Notes:

- Our front office is manned 8am-4pm Monday-Friday. If ANY parent/student wishes to pick up “Past” and “Present” NTI packets:

NTI 1-5

NTI 6-10

NTI 11-20

NTI 21-25

Stop by our front office during those hours and we'll have one.

- Contact me Michael.mcintire@harrison.kyschools.us if you have ANY questions on any issue. You can also call here at school 8am-3pm to speak with me directly.
- ALL completed NTI packets can be dropped off in our foyer 24/7. Drop-off boxes are located underneath your child's "graded" table (6th, 7th, 8th grade). Please be sure to have your child's name on the front of the packet so proper credit can be assigned.
- ALL TEACHERS are available for help with ANY of these packets. Please contact the school (234-7123) and we'll have them get into contact with you/your student with questions.
- NTI Packets are posted to our HCMS School website STARTING FRIDAY, APRIL 17 (including NTI 1- 35. NTI 1-30 already there!). Go to www.harrison.kyschools.us and then follow these steps:
 - Click on "schools"
 - Click on "NTI Information" on far left column

- **SPRING PICTURES: Parents interested in ordering spring pictures are to call Lifetouch Customer Service. They will provide information needed to order student pictures.**
- **Their number is 513-772-2110. All aspects of ordering spring pictures is through Lifetouch only.**

