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2019 - 2020 School Building Closure Grading and Promotion

How will 4th Quarter grades be calculated? Students can earn a grade for the 4th Quarter by completing one of the following:

- JP Schools 3rd Round Learning Packet activities posted in Google Classroom starting 4/27/2020
 - JP Schools 3rd Round Learning Packet activities submitted in print on May 15
- Students must complete at least three activities in order to earn a 4th quarter grade.

How will 4th Quarter grades impact my overall grade for the year? The 4th Quarter grade will not lower any student's current average. If your 4th Quarter grade is *higher* than the average of your grades from Quarters 1-3, all 4 Quarter grades will be averaged to calculate your final grade. Ex. 1st quarter grade - C = 2 quality points

2nd quarter grade - B = 3 quality points 3rd quarter grade - C = 2 quality points **Average of quarters 1 - 3 = 2.33 - C** 4th quarter grade - B = 3 quality points **Average of quarters 1 - 4 = 2.5 - B** With this example, it is better for the student if we use the average of all 4 quarters to calculate a final grade.

If your 4th Quarter grade is *lower* than the average of your grades from Quarters 1-3, it will not be included in your final grade calculation.

What if I cannot complete the 4th Quarter assignment? If a student does not complete the 4th Quarter assignment (either online or by submitting a printed copy on May 15), the student's final average will be calculated based on grades from Quarters 1-3.

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Do I need to continue to work on Edmentum and other Google Classroom assignments? Yes. Third Round learning packets are now posted in Google Classroom with answer documents to record student answers. If your child has internet access, please use Google Classroom to complete the learning packets. The assignments in Edmentum will help to prepare students academically for the 2020-2021 school year. Students should continue to complete those assignments as they are able.

What about the work that I have been completing online or in Learning Packets?

That work is helping students to prepare for the 2020-2021 school year, but will not be included in the 4th Quarter grade.

When is the work due? How will I submit it to my teacher? All 4th Quarter work must be submitted by Friday, May 15th. If you are completing the work online, submit the assignments in Google Classroom following the instructions included. All work must be completed by 4 PM on Friday, May 15th. If you are completing a printed learning packet, it must be submitted to Thomas H. Harris on Friday, May 15th by 4 PM following the guidelines below:

- Separate the packet into 4 sections: ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies
- Staple/paper clip each section or fold the section in half so that it remains separate
- Clearly print the student's name, grade and teacher's name on the top of each section
- Clerks Faculty/Staff will be in the parking lot to collect packets. You will not be allowed to exit your car or park. We will retrieve packets from you at your window.

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Will I be promoted to the next grade level for the 2020-2021 school year? Students who have a passing average in either Quarters 1-3 or 1-4 (as outlined above) will be promoted to the next grade level for the 2020-2021 school year. Parents can review students' grades by logging into the Student Progress Center. Students who have a course average of F will be discussed during the weekly ABIT meeting. The team will review classroom grades and benchmark assessments to determine whether the student will be recommended for retention or promotion. Parents will be informed of this recommendation as soon as it is determined.

Will I be retained due to excessive absences? No, the Louisiana Department of Education has waived the attendance requirement for the 2019-2020 school year. Students will not be retained due to excessive absences.