

Yaak School District

COVID-19 Emergency Measures

1902

Alternative Grading

This policy is adopted as a temporary policy in accordance with the framework set by District Policy 1900 – Temporary COVID-19 Policies and is intended to govern School District operations for the period affected by the COVID-19 health and safety measures implemented by the School District in response to federal, state or local authorities.

Teachers will grade students as usual in accordance with established classroom or course practices during the grading period in accordance with District Policy 2420 and the Employee Handbook.

The default option for students and parents/guardians is the grade typically assigned for students in the grade level or class which may include an A-F letter grade. Students and parents/guardians may choose to receive a Proficient/Fail or P/F grade in place of a grade typically assigned for the student's courses. The P/F grade option can be requested by a student and parents/guardians no later than 10 calendar days after report cards have been sent to the parents/guardians by submitting a written request to the Head Teacher, the School District's custodian of records.

For students or parents/guardians who request a P/F grade, the School District will record the P/F designation using a rubric in which all grades of 70% or higher earn a Proficient in accordance with District Policy 1005FE, the School District's COVID-19 Plan of Action as submitted to the Office of the Governor and/or while emergency declarations relating to COVID-19 are in place.

Students earning course grades converted to a Proficient grade in this temporary P/F option for grading periods affected by COVID-19 health and safety measures will be granted credit for the course and the credit will count towards promotion or graduation requirements and extra-curricular eligibility. Students earning a Fail designation in a course will not earn credit, will be subject to retention consideration, and, if applicable, will be subject to extra-curricular eligibility consequences.

The School District will include a designation on the students' transcripts indicating the extraordinary circumstances for any grading period affected by COVID-19 health and safety measures.

Cross Reference: Policy 1005FE – Proficiency Based Learning
Policy 2168 – Distance Learning
Policy 2421 - Promotion and Retention

Legal Reference: Section 20-1-301, MCA School fiscal year
Section 20-9-311(4)(a)(b)(d), MCA Calculation of average number
belonging
Section 20-3-324, MCA Powers and duties

1	Section 20-7-1601.	Transformational learning
2	10.55.906 ARM	High School Credit
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