

## Parent Information: Assessing Student Work and Reporting Final Grades FAQ's

### Purpose

- To set clear and consistent guidelines for reporting during the COVID-19 situation.
- Connect GPPSD guidelines on reporting with Alberta Education along with a concern and understanding on the need for equitable treatment of students and for the well-being of students, families and staff.

### Alberta Education Overview and Background:

- Alberta in-school classes were cancelled March 15, 2020
- School authorities offer at-home learning opportunities for Kindergarten to Grade 12 students online, course packages and telephone check-ins and video conferencing
- Teachers determine essential outcomes and plan lessons that are reasonable to do from home.
- Alberta Education cancelled all Provincial Assessments for grades 6, 9 and 12.
- Please refer to **Alberta Education's Guidelines for content delivery found [HERE](#)**.

### Instruction:

- Students are provided lessons that address the essential outcomes required to be successful in the next grade.
- Teachers have established and communicated clear processes for students and families to contact the teacher for real time conversations. Students will be supported with the curricular expectations.

### FAQs

1. **Has school been cancelled?** No. Teachers are still planning and teaching students remotely.
2. **What happens with my son/daughter now?** Students are provided lessons that address the essential outcomes required to be successful in the next grade or course.
3. **How does my son/daughter/myself communicate with the teacher?** Teachers have established and communicated clear processes of communication for students and families to contact the teacher for real time conversations. Students will be supported with the curricular expectations.
4. **I have a question about what is being assigned, who should I talk to?** Learning at home can be hard, and our teachers are committed to be flexible and adaptable to do what they can to help. Call or email your teacher and/or call the school and ask to speak to an administrator.
5. **How will teachers grade or assess at-home learning content?** Teachers will be responsible for assessing a student's progress and reporting on their progress including assigning a final grade. Teachers will always provide feedback on student work to ensure that they are understanding the required learning. We trust the professionalism of teachers and education leaders to assess their students' progress, no matter the learning environment, to determine suitable final grades.
6. **My child is in grade 6, 9 or 12. Do they have to write a Provincial Achievement Test (PAT) or a Diploma Exam (DIP) in June?** No. PATs and DIPs are cancelled for this year.
7. **Can my son/daughter choose to write the June Diploma Exam?** No, unless they require this mark to be accepted into post-secondary. Most institutions are being flexible with diploma exams this year.
8. **Will my child pass to the next grade?** If a student was on track to pass as of March 16<sup>th</sup>, they will pass. If a student was not passing when classes were cancelled, they will be given the chance to improve their mark by completing work at home.



Teachers are still available to discuss students' progress. If you are concerned about your child's situation please call the school and ask to speak with your teacher, school administrator, or in the case of high school students, school counsellors at the high school.

9. **Will the final grade always be a passing grade?** No, if the student did not possess a passing grade on March 16<sup>th</sup> and did nothing more in order to have the teacher assess them differently than the mark remains a non-passing mark.

As per the government communication, "every student will receive final grades and will receive a report card, appropriate to their grade level."

10. **My child is in grade 12. Will they graduate?**

Yes, if they were on track to complete the components required for high school graduation.

No, if they were not on track to complete the requirements. If this is your child, call the school and ask to speak to an administrator or a school counsellor. They may be able to provide another class before June to catch up on requirements to graduate.

11. **Will every student receive a final report card?** Yes. What final grades look like, and how they are arrived at, depend on grade

#### ***Final Grades and Report Cards for Grades 9-12***

<b>Grade 9, 10-12 Core Classes (English, Math, Science and Social)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Final numerical grades will be determined for courses based on March 16<sup>th</sup> mark.</li><li>• Students can improve upon their marks they had earned before in-class sessions were cancelled.</li><li>• Teachers continue to assign work, provide feedback and enter marks earned into PowerSchool. In this way, students and parents can continue to monitor progress. This work can be used to increase the grade from March 16<sup>th</sup>. Student work not done will be noted as INC (incomplete).</li></ul>
<b>Grades 10-12 CTS, non-core</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Will be based on the course work completed by March 16<sup>th</sup> with a final grade and credits earned assigned.</li><li>• If teachers are able, they will continue to assign course work. They can also assign additional credits and final marks to student who have completed assignments.</li></ul>