2020 Quarter 3-4 & Final Grade Changes

The grading for the end of the year will be adjusted due to the new instructional setting we are facing. The calculation for Quarter grades and the Final grades is explained below.

**Year Long Courses**
- Your child has already received a letter grade for Quarter 1 & Quarter 2. Reports cards were distributed to students on February 6, 2020. If you have misplaced your report card, please contact one of our school counselors – Ms. Beck (mbeck5@bcps.org) or Ms. Schroeder (kschroeder@bcps.org) via email.
- Quarter 3 will be left blank on your child’s report card.
- Quarter 4 will be marked with a P (Pass) or a F (Fail). The P or F will be based on:
  - the overall average grade your child had in Q3, prior to school buildings closing.
  - the feedback or score they received for each of their lessons from April 6th to the end of the school year.
  - *If you experienced some type of hardship, please know we will work with you on an individual basis.*
  - If you requested a paper packet, details around collection and grading are not yet available, but we will share them as soon as we are able.
- The Final Course grade (placed on transcript) will be calculated from the grades in Quarters 1, 2 & 4.
  - Your child will have an option to receive either an “Academic History Code” (a P or an F) or an “Achievement Grade” (A, B, C, D, E).
  - Students will select which option they want for each class. They may make different selections for different classes.
  - Each teacher will have students indicate which option they wish via a shared Microsoft form in Schoology.
  - In cases where the student does not indicate a preference, the Final grade will default to P or F (P-earned credit or F-no credit).
- Achievement (Letter) Grade verses Pass/Fail
  - A letter grade will have impact the calculation of the overall GPA/QPA. Students with strong first and second quarter grades may wish to select an achievement grade to boost their GPA/QPA
  - A Pass or Fail will not have any input in the calculation of the overall GPA & QPA.
- Final Grade Calculation
  - Quarters 1 and 2 are worth a set number of points (A=12, B=9, C=6, D=3, E=0). For example, a student with an A in Q1 and a B in Q2 would have 21 points (12+9).
  - Quarter 3 will have no numerical weight, work done in Q3 will be combined with and reported as P or F for Quarter 4.
  - Quarter 4 will only have 2 options, P (worth 4 points) or F (worth 0 points)
  - The total amount of points from Q1, Q2 and Q4 will be added up to determine the Final grade.
    - A= 24-28 points / B= 18-23 points/ C=11-17 points / D=4-10 points /E= 0-3 points (If you select the Achievement Grade option.)
    - P = 4 - 28 points / F = 0 - 3 points (If you select the Academic History Code option.)
2nd Semester Career & Technical Magnet Courses

- There are no grades for Quarter 1 & Quarter 2. This is because these courses started Quarter 3 or January 27th.
- Quarter 3 will be left blank on your child’s report card.
- Quarter 4 will be marked with a P (Pass) or a F (Fail). The P or F will be based on:
  - the overall average grade your child had in Q3, prior to school buildings closing.
  - the feedback or score they received for each of their lessons from April 6th to the end of the school year.
  - *If you experienced some type of hardship, please know we will work with you on an individual basis.*
  - If you requested a paper packet, details around collection and grading are not yet available, but we will share them as soon as we are able.
- The Final grade (placed on the transcript) is based on Quarter 4.
  - If your child receives a P (pass) in Quarter 4, they receive P for the Final grade.
    - Earned credit for the course
  - If your child receives a F (fail) in Quarter 4, they receive F for the Final grade.
    - No credit for the course
  - There is no option for a letter grade. The P or F **will not** be calculated in the overall GPA & QPA.

Other Grading and Report Notes

Academic eligibility for athletics for the 2020/21 school year has not yet been determined. We will share this information with you as soon as we receive it.

There **will not** be any final exams in any courses.

If after reviewing their grades from quarters 1 and 2, students or families still have questions about how their final course grade will be determined or which option is best for them, please utilize teacher office hours to have a discussion with your respective teacher.

Teachers will ask students to indicate if they want the Achievement Grade Option or the Academic History Code Option approximately 2 weeks before the end of the school year (mid-May for seniors and early June for 9th-11th graders). Students will have the option to change their selection later by meeting with/contacting their school counselors or administrator.

If you are experiencing a hardship, have requested and not received a paper packet, have experienced persistent technical difficulties that have made it difficult to access the online course material, or other extenuating circumstances that have made it difficult for your students to participate in the instructional program in this remote learning environment, please contact us! We are here to help! We want to help!

Sincerely,

Michael Weglein, Principal
Leah Warble, Assistant Principal