



Kenedy County-Wide CSD
Sarita Elementary School
Grading Guidelines During COVID-19
(Grades PK-6)



Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for everything you are doing to support your child's learning at home! I wanted to share a couple of updates in regard to grading as per local decision on behalf of KCWCSD:

Philosophical Premises:

- We understand this global pandemic has had **overwhelming impacts** on all of our families and we want to extend grace to students during this time of crisis.
- We understand that this shift to remote learning has impacted the **instructional integrity** and the **integrity of our grading system**.
- We understand that students have **varying levels of support and instructional resources at home**.

Six Weeks Guidance:

- Our original calendar's 4th six weeks ended February 28th. The 5th six weeks began March 2nd and was set to end April 17th. For now, we are staying with that. We will keep you posted on further developments as we learn more from Governor Abbot in regard to any date changes
- Progress Reports for the 5th six weeks have been eliminated.

We are not using Pass/Fail:

- Pass/Fail does not provide all students with the opportunity to raise their overall semester average by being engaged in their learning this 5th six weeks grading period.

Grading Guidelines:

- Pre-K Teachers will determine student progress through activities and work completed by the students. Teachers will communicate student progress to parents.
- Kindergarten students will continue to receive the following "grades":
*U (Unsatisfactory), N (Needs Improvement), S (Satisfactory), and E (Excellent)
- Teachers in Grades 1-6 will take at least 1-2 grades per week during the 5th six weeks of school.
 - o Students will have at least 6-10 grades per core subject area for the 5th six weeks
- All grades will be recorded in the **Daily Grades** of the gradebook
- No **Test Grades** will be given

- All assignments will have a **one-week timeframe** to complete/turn-in
- There will be an **additional week period of grace** beyond the initial deadline with no penalty for late work.
- Upon completion of the six weeks and determination of the student's six weeks' grade, **students whose average falls below a 70** will not receive a failing grade. *He/She will be given an "incomplete" and will be expected to earn credit through additional means which may include summer school, intensive support the next school year, or additional recommendations from the Grade Placement Committee.*
- An **"INCOMPLETE"** will be given if:
 - Student/Parent did not pick up a packet
 - Student did not login or start an online assignment
 - Student did not complete or turn in any assignments for each week of closure
- As for now, year-end averages will be calculated as normal.

Thanks again for your continued support.

**Sincerely,
Mrs. Tinsley**