



## **School District of Lodi 6-12 Guidance for Grading and Graduation Requirements During COVID-19 School Closure**

### **Grading Practices:**

- *A pass/no pass grading system will be used for the Spring 2020 second semester for grades 9-12 and during 4th quarter for grades 6-8.*
- The focus of remote learning for students will be on achieving a beginning or mid level of mastery of the standards associated with the class.
- A pass/no pass model preserves credit attainment for students and makes adjustments to graduation requirements unnecessary at this time.
- Pass/no pass will freeze GPA as it stands after the first semester. Second semester pass/no pass grades will not impact GPA.

### **Rationale**

- *The most vulnerable students in school settings remain the most vulnerable students in distance learning settings.*
- Protecting the academic progress and advancement of all students who are negatively impacted by access and opportunity gaps exacerbated by distance learning requires a shift in grading practices.
- Determination of a pass/no pass standard of grading can be made more effectively in a distance learning setting - especially given the novelty of online feedback and assessment practices.
- To reduce student stress and anxiety over grading.
- To protect the academic progress and advancement of students who are negatively impacted by the health crisis or virtual learning; a GPA will not be calculated for this semester.
- With virtual learning being a new practice for teachers and students, grading Pass/No Pass against primary learning objectives is appropriate.

### **Grades 6-11**

- All grades second semester and/or 4th quarter grades move to Pass/No Pass
  - **Pass** is reported for students who have attained a beginning or mid level of mastery of the standards associated with the class
  - **No Pass** is reported for students who have not attained a beginning or mid level mastery of the standards associated with the class
- Moving to Pass/No Pass will freeze GPA as it stands at semester
- End-of-semester exams will not be held - pass/no pass grades based on the culmination of standards-aligned formative and summative assessments throughout the second semester

### **Grade 12**

- All grades second semester move to Pass/No Pass
  - **Pass** is reported for students who have attained a beginning or mid level of mastery of the standards associated with the class
  - **No Pass** is reported for students who have not attained a beginning or mid level mastery of the standards associated with the class



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- Moving to Pass/No Pass will freeze GPA as it stands at the 7th semester. This is the GPA that stands on transcripts and will be used for calculating Laude Score.
- Notification of colleges via school profile or other letter (if needed)
- End-of-semester exams will not be held - pass/no pass grades based on the culmination of standards-aligned formative and summative assessments throughout the second semester

Student progress and engagement will be monitored by teachers and educators in the district. Staff members will be reaching out to the families and students who are not demonstrating engagement in the materials with the hope of working with families to develop a plan to re-engage the student in the learning process. Please understand that students who do not engage or demonstrate progress on standards during this time may face implications such as required additional instructional time, interventions, and impacts on co-curricular participation once schools reopen. Please reach out to your child's teacher and building administration if your child needs additional support.

### References

- A. [Why a pass/fail option is a good move for everyone](#). Some schools have shifted to a purely pass/fail basis, whereas others are leaving the choice up to students by simply extending the deadline to change their grading option until the end of the semester.

B. Lodi High School Graduation Requirements

**Social Studies – 4 credits**

1.0 cr. Human Geography  
1.0 cr. World History  
1.0 cr. U.S. History  
0.5 cr. Govt. and Social Issues  
0.5 cr. Social Studies Elective

**English – 4 credits**

1.0 cr. Literature & Composition  
1.0 cr. World Literature  
1.0 cr. American Literature or AP  
English Language & Composition  
0.5 cr. Oral Communication  
0.5 cr. Senior English Course

**Science – 3 credits**

1.0 cr. Science 9  
1.0 cr. Biology  
1.0 cr. Physical Science (at least 0.5 credit  
must be a Chemistry class)

**Math – 3 credits**

3.0 credits math

**Physical Education – 1.5 credits**

**Career & Technical Ed. – 0.5 credit**

**Health – 0.5 credit (in HSI)**

**Fine Arts – 0.5 credit**

**Financial Literacy – 0.5 credit**

**STEAM 1 – 0.5 credit (beginning with class of 2022)**

**Electives – 6.0 credits**

**Total Credits: 24**