

2624.1 GRADING DURING REMOTE LEARNING DUE TO CORONAVIRUS

The purpose of a grading system is to assist students in the process of learning. Grades acknowledge a student's demonstrated proficiency against the New Jersey Student Learning Standards and locally established learning goals and objectives.

The Board of Education recognizes its obligation to ensure that its grading system is fair and equitable to all students. The Board further recognizes that in order to ensure equity during this period of remote learning, the grading system must not operate to penalize students who are unable to access the online materials or otherwise unable to fully participate in the remote learning experience.

Consistent with that obligation, the Superintendent shall design and implement a system of grading that acknowledges and remediates any inequity in remote learning. The grading system shall fairly and accurately assess a student's work and commitment to remote learning. More importantly, the grading system shall hold harmless any student that cannot participate in remote instruction. The grading system shall not be discriminatory on any basis. This includes special education and ELL classification.

Furthermore, it is the policy of the Board that no teaching staff member shall be disciplined for student non-participation.

To the extent that this policy, or any rules and regulations created hereunder, conflicts with Policy 2624 or any other District policy, this policy shall control during this period of remote learning. This policy is only operable so long as the District is under remote learning due to this public health emergency created by the coronavirus. This policy, and any rules and regulations created hereunder, shall automatically expire when the District reopens and teachers and students return to the teaching and learning environment in place on March 11, 2020.

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