

## School Closure - Grades 9-11 Communication

On Friday, April 17, Governor Reynolds ordered the closure of all schools for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. While this news saddened all of us, our district and school have been preparing for this and the focus for our students does not shift with this decision. We remain committed to keeping our students safe, providing learning opportunities, and communicating a pathway for success. Although we will not be able to meet in person, our learning continues. MCHS will take the following steps to clarify how credits will be earned this semester:

### **Course Credit**

#### **What happens with Semester 2 grades since schools closed short of finishing the Semester?**

Answer: Students will end Semester 2 with the grade they had on March 6, the last school day prior to school closure. There will be no additional assignments required or graded for Semester 2. That being said, we will allow students to submit any retakes and missing assignments for work due PRIOR to spring break anytime through Friday, May 29. In that way, students' grades can only be improved, never decreased.

Students with passing grades will receive full credit for the courses they are in. To be sure no students are punished for school being closed, students will have the option to choose a 'P' for passing or the letter grade earned at the closing of Semester 2.

Students needing paper and pencil makeup work can call the school at 641-421-4436 to request this option.

#### **What if I am still failing a class after May 29?**

Answer: After May 29, Semester 2 will be "closed." Any student failing a class after May 29 will still have options to recover this credit. We are working on plans to provide summer school for students who are still failing a class. Communication will be shared with these students for opportunities to recover their credits.

**With the option of a letter grade or “P,” how will this show on my transcript?**

Answer: Due to the uncontrollable factors created by COVID-19, a student's grades entered into the grade book and placed on a student's transcript for Semester 2 will only benefit a student.

- All students finishing with an A, B, or C in a class as of May 29 will have this grade show on their report card if it benefits the student.
- If a B or C negatively impacts a student's GPA it will be changed to a P.
- A “P” earns the same full credit and does not impact a student's GPA.
- All students finishing with a D in a class as of May 29 will have a P recorded on their report card.

**Progress Report****How do I know what my students' grades were prior to school closing?**

Answer: A progress report will be mailed home to all students on Monday, April 27, sharing their letter grades as of Friday, March 6, prior to school closing. Students and parents with access to PowerSchool may also log in and view their grades online.

**What happens with the Voluntary Educational Enrichment Opportunities?**

Answer: Teachers will continue to post weekly learning opportunities for students. We recognize the importance of a structure for learning while continuing to be flexible as students are unable to physically attend school.

This is a positive option for students in good standing in their classes as of Friday, March 6 to remain engaged in learning. Students who would like more than one learning opportunity a week can request this with their teacher(s). Our teachers are ready and willing to help meet each student's needs to the best of our ability at this time and recognize that each student's level of readiness is unique.

Teachers will continue to maintain two office hours each day, Monday through Friday, to answer questions and provide feedback on learning.

Additional information will continue to come forward with updates to events and celebrations scheduled for the end of the year. We understand the importance of celebrating our students' success and are looking for ways to recognize their hard work and efforts. At this time, graduation will continue to be planned for June 7. We are considering safe alternatives that will meet the guidelines and restrictions set forth by the Governor's office.

Thank you for your ongoing patience and support during the COVID-19 pandemic. This is not the end of the school year any of us wanted for our students. I am proud to call myself a Mohawk as I look at how our parents, students, staff, and community have come together to stay safe and support each other.

Sincerely,

Dan Long  
Principal, MCHS