

Dear Klondike ISD families,

These are especially uncertain times. We know that even when educational routines are normal, GPA and class rank can cause stress for both students and parents. The current situation, with the fifth and sixth six-week grading periods in limbo due to our school closures, is raising that stress to unprecedented levels. Klondike ISD (KISD) administration wants to reassure you it is adopting policies and applying procedures in a fair, consistent, and equitable manner for all students.

### **GPA Calculation for High School Credit on Transcript**

For transcript purposes, GPA calculations will cease effective the end of the fourth six weeks.

Numerical grades for any student taking high school credit for transcript purposes will be calculated as follows: the first semester grade will stand as recorded. The second semester grade will be determined by averaging the first, second, third, and fourth six weeks grades. Put another way, the second semester grade will be computed using this calculation:  $(\text{first six weeks} + \text{second six weeks} + \text{third six weeks} + \text{fourth six weeks})/4 = \text{second semester grade on the transcript}$ . Online courses through KISD online will be included.

Academic performance for the fifth six-week grading period will be based on completion of student work assigned from March 23rd forward.

For the fifth six-week grading period, there are only three grades which will be assigned for online work: P for Pass, F for Fail, and I for Incomplete. During our school closures, Klondike ISD teachers will keep a spreadsheet for student grades rather than utilizing the TX Gradebook. Communication to families regarding missing work during the COVID-19 online learning period will come through Google Classroom, email, or Class Dojo.

Communication to families regarding fifth six weeks grades will be sent via letter at a later date, reporting student grades for each course of enrollment.

We know grades are important to our families and students. You also have an expectation that KISD will maximize student learning while keeping consistent, fair, and objective grading during our students online learning experience.

Thank you for your support of KISD, especially right now. We would much prefer calculating GPA and class rank in the traditional and time-tested manner, but are

confident that this is the best method to make these determinations in a way that is equitable to all concerned.

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