

## **Secondary Parent Guide for Exams, Grading, Promotion & Graduation**

St. Johns County School District's instructional continuity response to COVID-19 has been a tremendous effort by our entire community. Thank you for doing your part to ensure that students are in the best position possible to continue academic growth at their highest levels. We will exercise care and compassion to make decisions that are best for students as we implement necessary changes in policy and procedures.



### **Secondary Grading Guide**

- Teachers will score assignments and provide feedback to students on a weekly basis
- Students are accountable for engagement, participation, and completion of assignments

### **Secondary (Grades 6-12)**

#### **Exams**

All State End-of-Course Exams and the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) requirements for 2019-2020 have been cancelled. Second semester final exams are also cancelled.

#### **Secondary Grading**

##### *Interim Grades*

- Interim grades will be issued as usual (numeric value).

##### *4<sup>th</sup> quarter grades*

- For students in grades 6-12, fourth quarter assignment and assessment scores will be placed in the formative category of the gradebook.

##### *Final grades*

- The final grade on a year-long course with a State End of Course Exam will be calculated giving equal weight to each quarter.
- The final grade for a 2<sup>nd</sup> semester course (non-State EOC course) will be calculated through averaging the 3<sup>rd</sup> and the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter grades.

#### **Promotion 6-8**

Promotion requirements for middle school students remain unchanged and are based on our Student Progression Plan.

#### **Promotion 9-12**

Promotion at the high school level continues to be based on earned credits per our Student Progression Plan.

### **Graduation Requirements**

Graduation requirements for the class of 2020 have been adjusted as follows:

Current seniors: If a senior is expected to graduate in spring 2020 and has not met the exit criteria for Algebra I EOC and/or Grade 10 ELA FSA, or earned a concordant score, these criteria will be waived. However, students still must earn the necessary credits and meet the GPA requirements to graduate.

Non-seniors: Non-seniors who have yet to pass the Grade 10 FSA ELA must still meet the exit criteria by passing that assessment during a future administration or earning a concordant score. Though non-senior students enrolled in the Algebra 1 course are not required to take the Algebra 1 EOC this year, they will still need to meet the mathematics assessment graduation requirement by earning a passing score on a future administration of the Algebra 1 EOC, earning a concordant score, or passing the Geometry EOC on a future administration. Students must complete these requirements prior to graduation.