

**VENTURA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 20-11**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE VENTURA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regarding Secondary Grading**

April 28, 2020

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the California Governor issued Executive Order No. N-26-20 regarding the physical closure of schools by local educational agencies (LEAs) in response to the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020 Ventura Unified School District began closure of the District and District schools to protect the health and safety of staff and students;

WHEREAS, in light of the pandemic health crisis which resulted in a national and state order for sheltering in place and a state order closing all schools within the State of California through June of 2020, all students in the District were impacted;

WHEREAS, the Board has implemented procedures for distance learning for continuity of instruction to the extent possible during the closure of District schools;

WHEREAS, on April 14, 2020 the District entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ventura Unified Educators Association that included an agreement to form committees regarding the issuance of grades during distance learning to make a final recommendation to the Board of Trustees;

WHEREAS, the committees reviewed three sets of survey results from the teaching staff at large, guidance from the California Department of Education, University of California/California State University, private universities, National Collegiate Athletic Association, and California Interscholastic Federation;

WHEREAS, the University of California system issued a statement that they “have temporarily suspended the letter grade requirement for A-G courses completed in spring 2020 for all students, including UC’s most recently admitted freshmen. A-G courses completed in spring 2020 with Pass (P) will satisfy appropriate A-G requirements”; and

WHEREAS, similarly, the California State University system issued a statement accepting “grades of “Credit” or “Pass” to satisfy A-G requirements completed during the winter, spring or summer 2020 terms.”

WHEREAS, the Board finds that a need exists to revise temporarily its Board Policy and Administrative Regulations regarding its Uniform Grading System, Grading Practices for All Students, Teacher’s Authority and Communicating Student Progress under these circumstances to provide guidance to teachers;

- **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Trustees of the Ventura Unified School District, that the Board finds a substantial public purpose exists, based on the above and the strong consensus recommendation by the District high school and middle school COVID-19 school closure grading committees, to enact the following grading system and suspend conflicting systems contained in Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5121 for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year to include summer session:

Middle School Grades (6-8):

- All Quarter 4 grades/marks will be either a Pass (P) or No Mark (NM).
- P Pass Work ranging from excellent through below average work (previously grades A through D-).
- NM No mark Achievement significantly below normal.

High School Grades (9-12):

- All Semester 2 grades/marks for all students in all courses will be either as follows:
- A Excellent; superior achievement- credit issued.
- B Good; high quality work; achievement above average-credit issued.
- C Average quality work; achievement in the normal range-credit issued.
- P Below average work; achievement below normal range-credit issued.
- I Incomplete work; a passing grade will be assigned if the work is completed by the end of summer session deadline.
- NM No Mark- significantly below average work; achievement below normal range-no credit issued
- Students who receive an "Incomplete" in any course will be given the opportunity to finish the course during Summer Session 2020, to a maximum grade/mark of "Pass." If a student does not opt to finish the course and thus remediate the "Incomplete" grade/mark, at the end of Summer Session 2020 the "Incomplete" grade/mark will become a "No Mark" (NM). Students may attempt to finish as many courses for which they received "Incomplete" marks as they choose.
- All students in all courses shall be "held harmless" for Semester 2 grades/marks. "Held harmless" is defined as follows:

For Semester 2 Grades/Marks, grades shall not drop below Quarter 3 grades but can go up based on student progress in distance learning.

Secondary Students in Grades 6-12:

- For the construction of all Semester 2 grades, any overall grade that Edgenuity or Canvas constructs for a student shall not be transferred to become that student's final Semester 2 grade without the teacher employing additional professional considerations.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE MAJORITY OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES on this ____ day of _____, 2020.

Sabrena Rodriguez, President

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Roger Rice
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