

FROM: Mr. Fiske

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Good morning.

There are rumors spreading throughout Oregon that school has essentially been canceled, and all students will earn a PASS as a final grade for the end of the year.

Please let me clarify this rumor.

Oregon's Department of Education has released guidelines regarding how students will be graded. These guidelines were written with semesters in mind. They state that students will be held harmless as a result of the state-wide school closure order, and any grade they were earning in a class on March 13th would determine whether they "pass" the class or receive an "incomplete". Keep in mind, semester schools had already begun their final classes for the year at the end of January.

Oregon City High School is in a unique category as a trimester school. We had yet to begin our final classes for the year when the stay-at-home order was issued. Therefore, we are proceeding with our trimester with the following grading criteria:

1. Students who require a class for credit (9 – 12th grade) must complete work according to the course-grading requirement in order to PASS a class and earn the credit for the class.
2. Students that do not fulfill the course-grading requirement will receive an INCOMPLETE for the class. An INCOMPLETE means that students will need to make up work next year to try to PASS the class in order to earn the credit. This will be done in addition to their normal course load.
3. Each class will determine the course-grading requirement for students to earn a PASS at the end of Trimester 3.

GRADING FOR GLOBAL STUDIES B (w/Mr. Fiske)

- Grades will be put into the Synergy grading system, NOT Google Classroom.
 - Activities assigned to students in Google Classroom will be marked as "ungraded" for organizational purposes, but they WILL be scored and a grade entered into Synergy.
 - There will be two grading categories: Process and Product
 - Process = Activities used in the initial learning of material.
(examples: worksheets, quizzes, guiding questions, etc.)
 - Product = Activities that prove students have learned the material.
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- ❖ Process = 40% of the "passing" grade.
❖ Product = 60% of the "passing" grade.

SYNERGY GRADES (w/Mr. Fiske)

- If a student completes PASS-level work, a “100%” will be input into Synergy for that activity.
- If a student does not complete an activity at PASS-level, then it will be returned to the student with notes from the teacher on how to improve the work. Any returned activity that is not resubmitted by the student will earn a “50%”. Fifty-percent (50%) is not considered “passing”.
- If a student does not complete an activity, then “mi” will be input into Synergy showing that the activity is “missing”. This will equate to a “0%”. At the conclusion of the trimester, all “missing” activities will be automatically changed to “0%” in order to generate a final report card.

COURSE-GRADING REQUIREMENT (w/Mr. Fiske)

To show that you have learned enough material to PASS and earn credit for Global Studies B with Mr. Fiske, the following criteria must be followed:

- Complete all activities as assigned with effort and integrity.
- Any activity that is “returned” to a student will be done because it is not of “passing” quality. Notes will be attached to the returned activity for editing, and students must resubmit the edited activity in order to be re-graded.
- Missing work will not be given a PASS. It will show up in the grade book as “missing” and will receive a 0%.

I hope to have all activities due from April 13th to the present graded and input into Synergy by the end of this week (Friday May 1st).

Please contact me via email if you have any questions or concerns.

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Sincerely,

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