



Akron Central School District

In Pursuit of Excellence

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Dear Parents:

This has been a difficult year for our students and families throughout the global pandemic. We thank you for your continued flexibility as we journey through uncharted waters. As we enter the fourth quarter and approach the end of year, we want to make you aware of our revised end-of-year grading procedures for students at the high school. Akron HS will continue to monitor federal and state guidance in this area, as the guidelines may be subject to change.

END OF MARKING PERIOD GRADING

- Students will receive actual grades (no *50) for the 4th quarter.
- Students with missing assignments during the 4th quarter will be allowed to make them up for full credit prior to the close of the quarter.
- It is critical that students put forth their best effort since their final average will be calculated based on all **four** marking periods.

END OF YEAR GRADING

In order for a student to earn course credit for the 2020-2021 school year, students will receive a final grade for the course/subject based upon one of the three options below:

| THREE PATHWAYS TO EARN COURSE CREDIT | | |
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| Option 1: Cumulative Average | Option 2: Local Final/Final Project | Option 3: Regents Exam |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cumulative average of 65% or higher for a given course over 4 quarters. (2020-2021 school year) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If students have a passing four marking period average (65% or higher), then they are exempt from the local final exam/final project. • If students are not passing (64% or below for the year) and they earn a 65% or higher on the in-class local final exam/final project for a given course, they will earn course credit. • Students earning course credit by passing the in-class local final exam/final project will receive a grade "P" (for PASSING) for their overall grade for the course. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If students have a passing (65% or higher) four marking period average, then they are exempt from the Regents Examination. • If students are not passing (64% or below) four marking period average and they earn a 65% or higher on the Regents Exam being administered for a Regents level course, then they will earn course credit. • Students earning course credit by passing the in-class Regents will receive a grade "P" (for PASSING) for their overall grade for the course. |

*****Concurrent enrollment classes with colleges/universities may not be able to offer all of the above options because of articulation agreements. Furthermore, ½ year courses will still have a local final/project requirement regardless of their average.**

IN-PERSON REGENTS EXAMS

The Board of Regents approved regulatory amendments for students who are scheduled to take one or more examinations during the June 2021 and August 2021 examination periods. Students who earn course credit are exempt from passing the Regents Exams in order to meet diploma requirements. Only the following 4 exams will be administered in June 2021: Algebra 1, Living Environment, Earth Science (part 1 written test only), and English Language Arts. The exemption applies to these exams as well. If students are passing the course (overall average is 65% or higher for the four marking periods), then they do not have to take the exam and will earn an exemption for the diploma requirement. Even though there is an exemption, students enrolled in these courses are still encouraged to take the exam and try their hardest to do their best! A notification process for students electing to take an exemption for the Regents/Local Final will be forthcoming.

| JUNE 17th | JUNE 18th | JUNE 22nd | JUNE 23rd | JUNE 24th |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 8:00am - 11:00am | | 8:00am - 11:00am | 8:00am - 11:00am | 8:00am - 11:00am |
| English Language Arts | Juneteenth Holiday Observed | Living Environment | Algebra 1 | Earth Science (written test only) |

IN-PERSON LOCAL FINAL EXAMS/PROJECT

In-Person Local Final Exams/Projects may be administered during the week of June 14th. The exemption applies to these exams. Therefore, if students are passing the course (4 marking period average is 65% or higher) they do not have to take the exam. More information will be coming on dates and times for each exam. Please note, regardless if students are exempt from an exam, June 14th and 15th are student attendance days for all students. Exams will be given during the regular school day, and students who take those exams will resume their regular schedule before or after their exam. The exemption does not apply to courses where projects are being completed as part of the fourth quarter curriculum. All students, regardless of their grades, are expected to participate.

LAST STUDENT DAY

The last student day of attendance is June 16th. We will follow our regular schedule up to and including June 16th. Students will be expected to attend their scheduled classes through the 16th. During exam days (June 17th - June 24th) students may be mandated to come in to complete missing assignments.

DENIAL OF COURSE CREDIT

| OPTIONS FOR STUDENTS WHO FAIL | |
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| Option 1: In-Person Summer School | Option 2: Repeat the course |
| Students may be offered an opportunity to attend the In person Akron Summer School Program. (dependent on the course student failed) | Students will repeat the course in the next school year (2021-2022). |

Please know staff and administration appreciate and are thankful for your continued partnership and thank you for your continued support. GO TIGERS!

Sincerely,

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