



Amity Regional School District No. 5

Grading and Grade Calculations for Off-Site Teaching & Learning

This period of off-site teaching and learning and distance education has initiated many changes throughout our school system - both locally in Amity, but also throughout the state and country. With every change initiated, we are aware that the impact on students and families will vary, and we look to make changes that collectively support the greatest number of students. We remain committed to support the entire student - physical health and well-being; social development and emotional wellness; and academic growth and progress.

Since the move to off-site learning, our academic focus has been to hone in on the standards and learning expectations that our professional educators consider essential to their class and content, and lay the foundation for students to continue their academic advancement in the next school year. Instructional staff have worked collaboratively and diligently in identifying priority standards and the assessment of students on the skills, application, and knowledge of those priority standards has also been given due consideration.

The CT State Department of Education has given school districts some flexibility in grading practices during this period of school closure, but also acknowledges that grading decisions and approaches continue to be a local decision. Amity Regional School District No. 5 has made the decision to continue with traditional grading for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. This is consistent with the expectation that teachers are providing instruction for those priority content standards, and that students are committed to completing the expectations and assigned work in each class. Students are expected to remain engaged during off-site learning through: participation in asynchronous and synchronous instructional opportunities, asking questions and requesting assistance when needed, and completing the required assignments. Our teachers, school counselors, and administrators will continue to reach out to all students to support students in demonstrating our learning expectations.

Grades for Quarter 3

Quarter 3 grading will follow the traditional system of A, B, C, D, F. A student with missing work since beginning off-site learning on March 23, 2020 **may** receive an Incomplete (I) and will have an opportunity to make up work, if the missing work significantly impacts the quarter grade.

Grades for Quarter 4

Quarter 4 grading will also follow the traditional system of A, B, C, D. A student with missing work for Quarter 4 **may** receive an Incomplete (I) and **may** have an opportunity to make up work, if the missing work significantly impacts the quarter grade. A student with an F will receive an Incomplete for the quarter and will have the opportunity to make up work. All make-up work for Quarter 4 must be

completed by June 26, 2020. On July 1, 2020, all Incomplete grades will be converted to the traditional letter grades of A, B, C, D, F.

Grades for Quarter 4 - Seniors (Class of 2020)

Graduation is currently set for June 10, 2020 so all seniors will conclude their coursework/graded assignments by June 5, 2020. **Incomplete grades do not satisfy graduation requirements.** Therefore, all seniors must have finalized grades before the graduation ceremony.

Pass/Fail for Quarter 4

The district recognizes that during these unprecedented times, there may be a need to accommodate students for special circumstances. In some specific situations, a Pass/Fail grade for 4th Quarter may be appropriate for an individual student. Use of Pass/Fail would be a collaborative decision and would involve the school counselor, classroom teacher, special education teacher (where appropriate), the student, their parent(s)/guardian(s), and a school/district administrator. The impact of the Pass/Fail on the calculation of the final course grade would be part of the individualized grading plan for the student. A final grade of Pass/Fail will be excluded from all GPA calculations.

Existing Pass/Fail Classes

The school district currently has some classes in which all quarter and final grades have always been assigned as pass/fail. Those classes will continue to be graded on a pass/fail basis. Pass/Fail final grades will be excluded from all GPA calculations.

Final Exams

There will be no final exams administered during this school year. ECE classes may have a culminating exam or project; this will be developed in conjunction with UCONN.

Calculating Final Grades

While Amity is continuing with the assignment of traditional grades, we do recognize and acknowledge that off-site teaching and learning is not the same as the academic experiences that occur in a classroom. This, coupled with the decision to forego final exams, will result in a different algorithm for the calculation of final grades for the 2019-2020 school year.

Amity Regional High School:

	Q1	Q2	Mid-Term/ Exam	Semester 1 Final	Q3	Q4	Full Year/ Semester 2 Final
Full Year Class (1 credit)	25%	25%	10%		25%	15%	100%
Semester 1 Class (½ credit)	40%	40%	20%	100%			
Semester 2 Class (½ credit)					60%	40%	100%

Amity Middle Schools:

	Q1	Q2	Mid-Term/ Exam	Semester 1 Final	Q3	Q4	Full Year/ Semester 2/Quarter Final
Full Year Class	30%	30%			25%	15%	100%
Semester 1 Class	50%	50%		100%			
Semester 2 Class					60%	40%	100%
Quarter Class	The grade for the quarter is the same as the final grade for the class						100%
Algebra/ Geometry	25%	25%	10%		25%	15%	100%