

1 Alternative Grading

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3 This policy is adopted as a temporary policy in accordance with the framework set by District
4 Policy 1900 – Temporary COVID-19 Policies and is intended to govern School District
5 operations for the period affected by the COVID-19 health and safety measures implemented by
6 the School District in response to federal, state or local authorities.

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8 Teachers will grade students as usual in accordance with established classroom or course
9 practices during the grading period in accordance with District Policy 2420 and the Employee
10 Handbook.

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12 The default option for students and parents is the grade typically assigned for students in the
13 grade level or class which may include an A-No Credit letter grade. Students and parents may
14 choose to receive a Proficient/No Credit or P/NC grade in place of a grade typically assigned for
15 the student’s courses. The P/NC grade option can be requested by a student and parents no later
16 than 7 (seven) calendar days after report cards have been sent to parents by submitting a written
17 request to the principal, the School District’s custodian of records.

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19 For students or parents who request a P/NC grade, the School District will record the P/NC
20 designation using a rubric in which all grades of 60% or higher earn a Proficient in accordance
21 with District Policy 1005FE and the School District’s COVID-19 Plan of Action as submitted to
22 the Office of the Governor.

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24 Students earning course grades converted to a Proficient grade in this temporary P/NC option for
25 grading periods affected by COVID-19 health and safety measures will be granted credit for the
26 course and the credit will count towards promotion or graduation requirements and extra-
27 curricular eligibility. Students earning a Fail designation in a course will not earn credit, will be
28 subject to retention consideration, and, if applicable, will be subject to extra-curricular eligibility
29 consequences.

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31 Grades converted to P/NC will not be counted toward or against class honors or valedictorian
32 status as outlined in Policy 2410P for classes of students graduating during or after 2020.

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34 The School District will include a designation on the students' transcripts indicating the
35 extraordinary circumstances for any grading period affected by COVID-19 health and safety
36 measures.

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38 Cross Reference: Policy 1005FE – Proficiency Based Learning
39 Policy 2410-2410P – Graduation Requirements
40 Policy 2420 – Grading and Progress Reports
41 Policy 2168 – Distance Learning
42 Policy 2421 - Promotion and Retention

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44 Legal Reference: Section 20-1-301, MCA School fiscal year

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| 1 | Section 20-9-311(4)(a)(b)(d), MCA | Calculation of average number |
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| 3 | Section 20-3-324, MCA | Powers and duties |
| 4 | Section 20-7-1601. | Transformational learning |
| 5 | 10.55.906 ARM | High School Credit |
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