



Marietta City Schools Assessment and Grading Guidelines For MCS Families (9-12)

Marietta City Schools leaders and teachers have been in ongoing collaboration about how best to approach grading during the school closure. Our goal has been to find a balance between honoring students' time and effort while acknowledging not all students have the same degree of access to learning.

All student work submitted during the school closure (effective March 16) will be applied to a student's overall grade if it **adds** value to the student's numeric grade. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's teacher(s).

We understand grading can be complicated. **As you review the appropriate section below that applies to your child(ren), we ask that you please first contact your child's teacher(s) as you have specific questions.**

Expectations of Teachers

Teachers will assign work and provide ample time for students to complete the task(s).
Teachers will provide feedback.
Teachers are encouraged to engage in interactive activities with students such as whole group, small group, and one-to-one support.
Teachers will provide direct instruction, inclusive of live and/or recorded sessions in accordance with local school expectations; additional content/grade-level videos are encouraged for supplemental learning.
Teachers will work together across disciplines to manage on-line interactions in an effort for students to participate in real time.

Expectations of Students and Families

Students and families should make reasonable attempts to access Schoology and other online platforms recommended by the teachers.
Stay in frequent contact with teachers – please don't hesitate to ask questions.
Establish a routine that includes setting learning goals for the day. Be consistent in the daily schedule while allowing for flexibility and grace, when necessary.
If you are unable to access Schoology, please email schoologysupport@marietta-city.org or call 678-695-7255.
If a student does not have access to a laptop/Chromebook or hotspot or needs technical support with a district-issued device, please email techhelp@marietta-city.org or call 678-695-7215.

When will grades be officially updated in Aspen?

By Monday, April 13 at 3pm, all teachers will review their 2nd semester grades (from January 8 – March 12) for each student in an effort to determine the worth and current value of what was assigned and graded:

- The graded assignment between 1/8-3/12 stands as posted.
- The graded assignment between 1/8-3/12 is PENDING and will be accepted for full credit up to May 20.
- The graded assignment between 1/8-3/12 is EXEMPT (E) for some or all students.
- All assignments noted during this time period as MISSING have been updated to reflect either PENDING, EXEMPT, or recorded as a numerical grade.

By Wednesday, April 15 at 3 pm, all teachers will post an updated grade based on assignments from March 13 – April 14 (Distance/Continuity of Learning period). They will determine the following:

- The assignment between 3/13-4/14 is PENDING for students who have not yet submitted during the Distance/Continuity of Learning Window and will be accepted for full credit up to May 20.
- The assignment between 3/13-4/14 is EXEMPT (E) for some or all students.
- The assignment between 3/13-4/14 was graded with feedback and posted.
- **No zeros** can be posted as the goal during the Distance/Continuity of Learning Window is engagement and offers students the opportunity to only enhance their grade.

By Wednesday, April 29 at 3 pm, all teachers will post an updated grade based on assignments from March 13 – April 28 (Distance/Continuity Learning period). They will determine the following:

- The assignment between 3/13-4/28 is PENDING for students who have not yet submitted during Distance/Continuity of Learning Window and will be accepted for full credit up to May 20.
- The assignment between 3/13-4/28 is EXEMPT (E) for some or all students.
- The assignment between 3/13-4/28 was graded with feedback and posted numerically.
- **No zeros** can be posted as the goal during the Distance/Continuity of Learning Window is engagement and offers students the opportunity to only enhance their grade.

By Wednesday, May 13 at 3 pm, all teachers will post an updated grade based on assignments from March 13 – May 12 (Distance/Continuity of Learning period). They will determine the following:

- The assignment between 3/13-5/12 is PENDING for students who have not yet submitted during Distance Learning Window and will be accepted for full credit up to May 20.
- The assignment between 3/13-5/12 is EXEMPT (E) for some or all students.
- The assignment between 3/13-5/12 was graded with feedback and posted numerically.
- **No zeros** can be posted as the goal during the Distance/Continuity of Learning Window is engagement and offers students the opportunity to only enhance their grade.

When will final grades be posted? Point of Contact: [Lucena Ross](#)

All final grades will be posted by Friday, May 22 at 3 pm.

Will students be taking Georgia Milestone EOC tests? Point of Contact: [Paula McVicker](#)

No. Georgia Milestone End of Course (EOC) tests will not be administered this spring. As such, there is no 20% categorical weight for an EOC in the student's class average; the student's final average will come from the grades entered prior to March 13 and during the Distance/Continuity of Learning period.

Will students be taking IB Exams? Point of Contact: [Debbie Woolard](#)

No. IB exams will not be administered this spring. Students and parents are encouraged to communicate with their IB teachers if they have any questions or concerns.

**Will students be taking AP Exams? Point of Contact: [Brandon Mann](#)
Point of Contact for IEP or 504 Accommodations for AP exams: [Alisha Green Wyche](#)**

Yes. AP exams **will** be administered under the revised rules and guidelines provided by the College Board. Students and parents are encouraged to communicate with their AP teachers if they have any questions or concerns.

Will students be able to take End of Pathway Assessments (EOPA) Point of Contact: [Julie O'Meara](#)

No. EOPAs will not be administered this spring.

Will students be taking Final Exams? Point of Contact: [Paula McVicker](#)

No. Final exams will not be administered this spring. The goal is to engage and focus on the work that is being given during the Distance/Continuity of Learning period. As such, there is no 20% categorical weight for a final exam in the student's class average; the student's final average will come from the grades entered from January 8 - March 13 and during the Distance/Continuity of Learning period. All teachers will enter an "E" for EXEMPTED.

Are students still able to work on Edgenuity Courses and able to recover units/classes through Edgenuity?

Point of Contact Edgenuity: [Lucena Ross](#)

Point of Contact Unit/Credit Recovery: [Alisha Green Wyche](#)

Yes. MHS students served on the Woods-Wilkins Campus in the PLC program and MAPs program will work directly with their teachers specific to assignments and grading. All grade posting deadlines outlined in this document including posting of final grades are to be followed.

Students served in our DLL will work directly with Jeff Black and Akiba Gilbert. All grade posting deadlines outlined in this document including posting of final grades are to be followed.

Families with questions regarding unit/class recovery through Edgenuity should contact Alisha Green Wyche.

Will we still be able to have Prom & Graduation? Point of Contact: [Keith Ball](#)

If permitted, we will host a summer prom at MHS and commencement ceremony at Northcutt Stadium. Dates and times are TBD.

What is the alternative plan for Diploma Distribution? Point of Contact: [Keith Ball](#)

If we cannot conduct a commencement ceremony, once final grades have been calculated and graduates verified, a plan for diploma distribution will be created and executed.