



## Marietta City Schools Assessment Guidelines for MCS Families (K-8)

Your principal and central office leaders have been in ongoing collaboration about how best to approach grading during the school closure. As I trust you understand, we are seeking to find the appropriate balance between honoring students' time and effort while acknowledging not all students have the same degree of access to learning. Equally as important, we believe we must value the time our educators are spending providing feedback and grading various forms of student assessments. Our approach will be tailored by level, based on the age of the student, complexity of the content, and ability to access learning.

All student work submitted during the school closure (effective March 16) can be applied to a student's overall grade, if it adds value to the student's numeric grade.

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.**

Assessment Guidelines (K-5)
<b>Expectations of Teachers</b>
Teachers will assign work. Teachers will provide feedback. Teachers will provide direct, live instruction at least once per week; additional team/grade-level videos are encouraged for supplemental learning.
<b>Expectations of Students and Families</b>
Students and families should make reasonable attempts to access Schoology and other online platforms recommended by your teacher. Stay in frequent contact with your child's teacher – please don't hesitate to ask questions when you or your child need help (friendly reminder: they are not in a classroom, but our teachers are definitely still available to help). Establish a routine that includes setting learning goals for the day. Be consistent in your daily schedule while giving yourself and your child the grace to be flexible, when necessary. If you are unable to access Schoology, please email <a href="mailto:schoologysupport@marietta-city.org">schoologysupport@marietta-city.org</a> or call 678-695-7255. If your child does not have access to a laptop/Chromebook or hotspot or needs technical support with a district-issued device, please email <a href="mailto:techhelp@marietta-city.org">techhelp@marietta-city.org</a> or call 678-695-7215.
<b>Screen Time Considerations</b>
With consideration for the age of the student and complexity of the content, teachers will be mindful of the amount of daily screen time assigned to students.
<b>Student Grades in Aspen/Schoology (Grades K-2)</b>
Teachers will continue to instruct, assess standards, and record in Aspen as appropriate. As students and families have specific questions about assignments and grades, please contact your child's teacher.

### **Student Grades in Aspen/Schoology (Grades 3-5)**

Teachers will determine the average of the first three grading periods for each student – this “base average” will be used as the standard for whether any work completed during the school closure will help or hurt a given student. Scores on assignments during distance learning should not be entered if they fall below the given student’s “base average”.

Traditional progress reports for “Quarter 4” would normally be visible in Aspen by April 30; this report will not be generated given our sensitivity to our students’ access to technology and the flexibility we want to provide in completing assignments. You can still, however, see your student's current progress/grade in Aspen at any time by logging into Aspen and clicking on the “Academics” tab, located on the left side.

As students and families have specific questions about assignments and grades, please contact your child’s teacher.

### **Georgia Milestones**

End of Grade (EOG) exams will not be administered in Spring 2020.

### **Assessment Guidelines (6-8)**

#### **Expectations of Teachers**

Teachers will assign work and provide the typical/suggested amount of 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.

#### **Expectations of Students and Families**

Students and families should make reasonable attempts to access Schoology and other online platforms recommended by your teacher.

Stay in frequent contact with your child’s teacher – please don’t hesitate to ask questions when you or your child need help (friendly reminder: they are not in a classroom, but our teachers are definitely still available to help).

Establish a routine that includes setting learning goals for the day. Be consistent in your daily schedule while giving yourself and your child the grace to be flexible, when necessary.

If you are unable to access Schoology, please email [schoologysupport@marietta-city.org](mailto:schoologysupport@marietta-city.org) or call 678-695-7255.

If your child 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](mailto:techhelp@marietta-city.org) or call 678-695-7215.

#### **Screen Time Considerations**

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### **Student Grades in Aspen/Schoology (6-8)**

Teachers will determine the average of the first three grading periods for each student – this “base average” will be used as the standard for whether any work completed during the school closure will help or hurt a given student. Scores on assignments during distance learning should not be entered if they fall below the given student’s “base average”.

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### **Georgia Milestones**

End of Grade (EOG) tests will not be administered in Spring 2020.

End of Course (EOC) tests will not be administered in Spring 2020.

As such, there is no 20% categorical weight for an EOC/EOG in the student’s class average; 100% of the student’s final average will come from the grades entered prior to March 13 and during digital learning.