



Dear Manitou Springs Middle School Families,

As you now know, we will continue remote learning through May 21, 2020. I know this is not the outcome any of us would have wanted or expected when students and staff left the halls of Manitou Springs Middle School on the afternoon of March 13<sup>th</sup>. That being said, the students, families, and staff have done an amazing amount of work in a very short time frame to pivot our learning model from in-person to remote.

Many events that take place at the end of a school year will inherently have to look different this year, one of which is the way students are graded for their course work. Once we have more information about other events, such as 8<sup>th</sup> grade continuation, we will share that with you as soon as possible.

The policy below will help us move forward in a meaningful way and give us good information as we close out the 2019-2020 school year as well as when we begin the 2020-2021 school year in the fall. Please read this carefully and if you have any questions, I will do my very best to answer them.

As always, I can't thank you enough for your flexibility, grace, and hard work during these unprecedented times.

Take care,

Eric McMartin

## Statement of Grading Policy:

- Students will earn the following grades: A, B, P, or R for the 4th quarter of the 2019-2020 school year in all of their core content classes (Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies).
  - An "A" or "B" will be based on actual scores that have been recorded in a teacher's gradebook and will communicate that a student was grasping the concepts while fully engaging in remote learning.
  - A "P" means that the student was engaged in remote learning as evidenced by partial participation and work completion and that they've passed the class.
  - An "R" means that a student was not, or not able to be engaged or very minimally engaged in remote learning.
- Students will earn a "P" or "R" in all of their exploratory classes (**except 2<sup>nd</sup> year World Language**)
  - A "P" means that they engaged in remote learning and have passed the class.
  - An "R" means that a student was not, or not able to be engaged or very minimally engaged in remote learning.



- The report card will include a new designation for Remote Learning “R.” The R designation will be assigned when a student, for any reason, does not or is not able to engage in remote learning by turning in completed assignments or participating in daily class discussions through Canvas or Google Meet.
- If a student’s grade would have been calculated as a C, D, or an F at the end of the quarter, a student’s grade will be reported as a “P” or “R” depending on the student’s level of engagement. As stated previously, the “R” marking will be used to better understand the gaps a student might have when starting the next grade level. This is not meant to be punitive.
- All students will be expected to demonstrate continuous engagement in remote learning (online or offline) throughout the duration of our time away from the physical school building.
- Assignments will have due dates, but students are able to make up and submit any assignment by 4:00 p.m. on May 19<sup>th</sup> in order to be graded.
- Students can re-submit any graded assignment. These resubmitted assignments must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. on May 19<sup>th</sup> in order to be re-graded.
- 8th Graders in second year of French and Spanish will be graded according to the guidelines that have been established for the core content classes to provide further evidence about the student’s readiness for advancement as a 9<sup>th</sup> grader.
- Students in high school courses will follow the high school grading practices.