



Dear Mustang Community,

During the MSSD14 move to remote learning, district and school leadership has worked to implement remote learning processes and supports for students, parents and teachers. During this time we have also worked collaboratively with school districts across the Pikes Peak Region to research and develop High School grading policies for MSHS remote learning. Through our research and regional collaboration, we have developed a grading policy for remote learning that aligns to what we believe to be the most appropriate for MSSD14. We know that there is no one policy that is a “perfect solution” given the historical nature of this world pandemic. Our philosophy in developing this policy was to **do no harm** looking at all possible options and student-based scenarios. Our priority continues to be the health, wellness, and safety of our community. As always, we appreciate your understanding and flexibility during this worldwide event.

Statement of grading policy:

All grades were frozen as of March 13, 2020 (the last day of in-person classes). Students should continue to work remotely to raise their grades in each class. If a student's grade decreases during remote learning, their frozen grade from March 13 will override that grade.

- 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. Attendance will continue to be taken when students login to Canvas.
- Grades frozen as of March 13 and finalized (by class)
 - a. Grade cannot go down from the March 13 frozen grade
 - b. Passing grades will earn credit on transcripts
- All Students should continue in course work through the end of semester and receive a Letter Grade (by class)
 - a. When continuing in the class, the grade cannot go down, If grade goes down from frozen grade, the higher originally frozen grade will be posted.
 - b. When continuing in the class, and the grade goes up from the frozen grade, the higher grade is posted to transcript
 - c. A student with an F upon freezing of grades, who does not engage in remote learning to bring their grade up will receive an "RM" for "remote learning" with no grade, credit, or gpa given. If the course is a graduation requirement, the student will retake the course in a subsequent semester.
 - d. There will be no Final Exams for grades. Finals may be given for growth purposes only.



- Concurrent enrollment classes in partnership with PCC and UCCS will have college specific information passed on to students through MSHS concurrent enrollment instructors.

UPDATE-

- Parents/Guardians may “opt-in” to GPA for their students.
 - If a student would like their transcribed Remote Learning grades to be included in their GPA the Parent/Guardian may request this by emailing the student’s counselors

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- If a student “opts-in” to include GPA it will apply to ALL classes

12th Grade- to “opt-in” to including GPA a parent/guardian must email the student’s counselor
NO LATER THAN MAY 8th

9th-11th Grade- to “opt-in” to including GPA a parent/guardian must email the student’s counselor
NO LATER THAN MAY 21st

*Students will not receive GPA points unless the parent/guardian explicitly requests inclusion of GPA via email to the counselor by the date listed above.

MSHS and MSSD14 encourage ALL students to continue to engage in remote learning during the school closure period. Student work and engagement are key to finishing the year strong and setting up a positive learning experience for all students next school year.