

# GALENA PARK

## INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear High School Students and Parents,

Galena Park I.S.D. is sensitive to the issues facing our students and their families during this time of uncertainty in our country and school community. We will continue to make accommodations to support our students to the best of our abilities. In an effort to assist students during this time, modifications are being made to the traditional grading procedures for our high school students.

**6<sup>th</sup> Six Weeks Grading Guidelines:** For students in grades 9 -12, one to two grades will be taken per week for each course in which a student is enrolled. Assignments will be distributed to students through:

- Virtual instruction with the classroom teacher
- Paper packets (**Please note: The last paper packet pick-up will be Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at NSSH and GPHS**)
- Online learning opportunities – available on the District’s website.

All grades will be entered into Skyward and will be equally weighted when calculating the average grade for the 6<sup>th</sup> six weeks period. Final examinations **will not** be administered this semester.

**Semester Averaging:** Students in grades 9 - 12 will have the opportunity to improve their semester averages and grades through their 6<sup>th</sup> six weeks grade. These grades will be recorded on students’ transcripts.

Semester averages for the 2020 Spring semester will be based on the **HIGHEST** of the average of the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> six weeks grades **OR** the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> six weeks grades. Please see the examples below:

| Example 1  | Example 2  |
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| 4 <sup>th</sup> – 84                                       | 4th - 84   |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> – 78                                       | 5th - 78   |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> – 60                                       | 6th - 90   |
| Average 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> six weeks only | Average 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> , and 6 <sup>th</sup> six- weeks |
| $84 + 78 = 162 / 2 = 81$                                   | $84 + 78 + 90 = 252 / 3 = 84$  |
| <b>Semester average - 81</b>                               | <b>Semester average - 84</b>   |

**STAAR End-of-Course (EOC) Testing:** STAAR EOC test administrations for Spring and Summer 2020 have been waived by Governor Greg Abbott (Algebra 1, Biology, English 1, English 2, and US History). Students enrolled in an EOC-tested course will **not** have to complete the corresponding EOC test(s), provided they pass the course for the school year.

**Grade Point Average (GPA):** To be fair to all high school students in light of the current health crisis in which we find ourselves, on April 9, 2020, the GPISD Board of Trustees passed a resolution which indicated the Spring 2020 semester will **not** be included in determining a student’s GPA. Therefore, for the 2019 - 2020 school year, the Fall 2019 semester will be the only semester to officially count in all high school students' GPA, most importantly, seniors. Please note, all semester averages will be posted to the transcript, even though the GPA calculations will not include Spring 2020 semester averages.

Our thoughts continue to be with you and your families during this unprecedented time. Please feel free to contact your child’s principal, counselor or teachers as needed.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent of Schools

