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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we continue to prioritize the health and safety of the Galena Park I.S.D. (GPISD) community, we are working around the clock to ensure our teachers have the instructional guidance they need so students can successfully pursue their studies at home. We know many questions remain regarding how best to accomplish this goal and how students will be assessed, moving forward.

Texas Education Agency expects Districts to continue providing students with learning opportunities and assess students' academic progress during the COVID-19 closure. In order to fulfill these requirements, GPISD has established new grading guidelines for the remainder of the closure.

Teachers will provide students with weekly virtual learning opportunities. Since not every student has an electronic device available and/or internet access at home, the District will also continue providing weekly paper packets as a non-digital solution in order for all students to have access to instructional support during the school closure.

From March 16 through March 27, learning opportunities were provided to begin the at-home learning process. School leaders and teachers focused on developing engagement options for online and non-digital learning while allowing students and parents to adjust to our "new normal." **Effective April 1<sup>st</sup> and for the remainder of our school closure, teachers will assess students' lessons/progress and record grades.** Our goal for every student is success, and we are committed to providing instructional support to ensure each student achieves this goal.

GPISD will continue to provide "LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES" via:

- Teacher lessons (i.e. Google classroom, Zoom, email, text message, paper packets, Skyward, etc.)
- Online Learning Opportunities – located on the GPISD website under "Students"
- Paper Packets– distributed on Mondays from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at North Shore Senior High School or Galena Park High School (parents must register for the Monday packets one time during the closure).

In order to ensure learning gaps are not exacerbated, GPISD will continue utilizing every resource available to help students succeed. Please allow me to assure you that grades recorded during our school closure will not negatively impact students' semester or yearly averages. In the event students earn grades less than passing teachers will provide students an opportunity to improve the grade.

Grades will be recorded based on:

- Evidence of **effort** in completing the work
- Evidence of **understanding the TEKS** covered.

Evidence of lessons completed may include:

- Phone calls with students (verbal quizzes or discussion)
- Texting pictures of completed work
- Zoom/Google Classroom participation
- Work submitted through Google, email, or Skyward
- Other options as outlined by the student's teacher.

Parents are encouraged **not** to opt out of School Status and to respond to teachers' text messages, emails, and/or phone calls. This will allow teachers to communicate any concerns regarding students' completion of lessons. If you have previously opted out of receiving communication via School Status, you may opt back in by calling 855-978-2887 or reviewing the opt in instructions by [clicking here](#).

The GPISD grading periods are as follows:

**Elementary/Middle School:**

- 4<sup>th</sup> 9 Weeks Progress Report posted to Skyward Family Access **May 1<sup>st</sup>**
- 4<sup>th</sup> 9 Weeks Report Card posted to Skyward Family Access **June 4<sup>th</sup>**

**High School:**

- 5<sup>th</sup> 6 Weeks Report Card posted to Skyward Family Access **April 17<sup>th</sup>**
- 6<sup>th</sup> 6 Weeks Progress Report posted to Skyward Family Access **May 7<sup>th</sup>**
- 6<sup>th</sup> 6 Weeks Report Card posted to Skyward Family Access **June 6<sup>th</sup>**

As a reminder, you have access to monitor your child(ren)'s grades by logging into Skyward Family Access. If you need assistance please email [student\\_admissions@galenparkisd.com](mailto:student_admissions@galenparkisd.com).

Additional communication from GPISD related to grade point average (GPA), promotion and retention will be communicated to students and parents at a later date. Please feel free to contact your child(ren)'s principal or email us at [communications@galenaparkisd.com](mailto:communications@galenaparkisd.com) if you need additional information. We ask for your patience as we continue to work to ensure success for all GPISD students. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Sincerely,



Angi Williams, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

