



MTS Secondary / Banaadir Math & Science Academy Grading Policy for Quarter 4 of SY20

Following the guidance of the Minnesota Department of Education for creating equitable grading systems during the COVID-19 pandemic, MTS Secondary and Banaadir Math & Science Academy will use a modified grading scale for the 4th quarter of the 2019-2020 school year.

During the 4th quarter, students will be able to earn the following grades on their report cards:

A

B

Pass

No Credit

As an acknowledgment that the stresses of the pandemic and the challenges of distance learning will have an impact on student outcomes, the staff of MTS Secondary has been directed to limit harm in the grading process. A grade of an “A” or “B” allows students that are able, to improve their grade point average for purposes of college admissions. A grade of “Pass” allows a student to earn credit without the negative consequence to their grade point average that a grade of “C” or “D” would carry. The pandemic has forced all of us to learn how to navigate the world in a new way. During these times, no MTS student is a failure. MTS students will not be labeled as failures, with a grade of “F”. Students that are not ready to earn credit at this time will earn the grade of “NC” (No Credit) for the 4th quarter. MTS Secondary staff stand ready to support students earning the grade of “NC” to make up missed credit when the student is ready and able to do so.

MTS Secondary teachers have been asked to focus on work that is turned in and to reduce the impact of work that is incomplete. If it is determined the student has a reasonable understanding of the standard based on completed work, participation, conversation, assessment, etc. the student will earn credit for that course in the 4th quarter.

Students should be engaged in this process as they are able and are encouraged to communicate with their teachers for clarification of their standing in the course.