



Eddie Willson, Director of Curriculum

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

531 Jones Avenue, North Braddock, PA 15104 • 412.731.1300 • 412.475.4393

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We want to share with you the protocol that we will be using for 4th quarter (Q4) grades this year. We know that many of you have asked about the procedures that we will be using, so we have tried to put them all in one place.

First and foremost, we will **'hold students harmless'** for the situation they're in. This situation should not negatively impact students in any way. For that reason, no child will receive a Q4 grade lower than their 3rd Quarter (Q3) grade for any course. As we've stated before, any student who was passing on March 12th, will pass for the year. It is not the fault of our scholars, our teachers, nor our families that we are in this situation, and we will hold students harmless because of that fact.

Beyond the first point, teachers will be able to use their knowledge and experience to determine the weight they believe should be given to participation in the various components of virtual instruction for the 4th Quarter. Educators will be able to share their specific grading procedure with families by May 29th.

This is a great time to make up ground. Scholars who were already on grade level on March 12th, should continue to focus on learning through the virtual platforms so that they can come into the next grade level ahead of where they left off. Scholars who may have been slightly behind academically should use this opportunity to participate as much as possible in their virtual instruction and continue to build upon their knowledge from earlier in the year so that they can come into the next year ahead of where they left off. Lastly, scholars who were failing one or more subjects on March 12th, should use this opportunity to take advantage of one-on-one instructional supports from their educator(s) and ensure that they do everything in their power to advance to the next grade level. All students and families should communicate regularly with our amazing educators for a clear understanding of how they are progressing.

We will still use our traditional letter grades and all students will receive a final report card after the final day of the school year (June 5th). Please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher, principal, or to me, with any questions. Stay safe and stay healthy!

Thank you,

Eddie Willson
Director of Curriculum
willal@whsd.net