



Sisters High School

“Home of the Outlaws”

4/20/2020

To: The Classes of 2021, 2022 and 2023 and Families

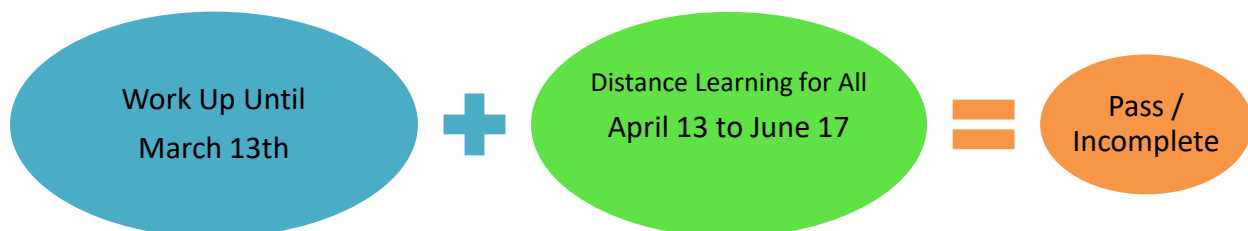
As we navigate through this unprecedented time, our first concern will continue to be that our students and their families are physically and emotionally healthy. We understand that the unknown and the new bring different kind of stresses for each of us. We understand you may have questions about the future and how the current school closure may impact your path to graduation and beyond. Today’s letter is to let you know that we have received guidance from the Oregon Department of Education about grades and graduation requirements for our 9th – 11th graders.

Graduation Requirements:

At this time, the only change in graduation requirements is for the class of 2021, our current Juniors. All Essential Skills for the Class of 2021 are suspended, as many schools throughout the state will not have the opportunity to participate in the statewide English language arts and mathematics assessments necessary to meet Essential Skills requirements. There are no changes to the graduation requirements for current students in the Class of 2022, the Class of 2023 and beyond. However, ODE continues to monitor the evolving COVID-19 situation, so that doesn’t mean things might change.

Grading and Credit for Students in Grades 9, 10 & 11

The Oregon Department of Education informed us that all districts in Oregon shall move from letter grades to Pass/Incomplete for students enrolled in high school courses for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year. The philosophy behind this decision was to support continued learning, but we cannot proceed as if nothing has changed and must consider the severe impact the pandemic is having across our community. The Pass/Incomplete marks safeguard our students’ opportunities to continue learning and earning credit without impacting their GPA. Colleges across the country, including Oregon’s colleges and universities, recognize the extraordinary nature of this event. They are making temporary changes to their admissions policies to accept Pass/No Pass marks issued during the winter/spring 2020 term(s).





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In this temporary system, students will receive a “Pass” and credit for a course once they demonstrate essential learning for that course during the Spring 2020 Term. What this means is that a student will receive a “Pass” based on progress made up to the point of school closure (March 13) and it shall also include additional learning progress made as part of our districts Distance Learning for All Plan implemented during the extended school closure for the rest of the year.

If students are not able to demonstrate the learning by the end of the term, they will receive an “Incomplete.” We will partner with these students, and their families, to create a Credit-Earning Assurance Plan by September 2020 and completed prior to the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year. The “Credit-Earning Assurance Plan” will look different for each student, depending on the students lagging skills and knowledge. While one students might need to turn in a history assignment, another student might need to repeat a math class.

Weekly Schedule:

Schedule for Students				
This is a recommended time for students and to provide students with a routine				
Lessons may be video or live Lessons will vary in length and scope				
Start	End	A	B	C
9:30	10:00	1	2	1
10:05	10:35	3	3	2
10:40	11:10	4	5	4
11:10	11:30	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
11:30	12:00	6	6	5
12:05	12:35	7A	7B	7C

Office Hours				
This time will be used for students to talk with teachers Students can always email a teacher				
Start	End	A	B	C
2:00	2:20	1	2	1
2:20	2:40	3	3	2
2:40	3:00	4	5	4
3:00	3:20	6	6	5
3:20	3:40	7A	7B	7C

At the high school, we are running a modified ABC schedule. There may be times that we need to have teachers involved in meetings that are outside of the staff meeting and professional development time. While we think this will be minimal, we asked our teachers to be prepared to pre-record their lessons since a having a substitute teacher is not an option at this time.



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:30 - 8:30 Staff Meeting	7:30 - 8:30 Staff Meeting	7:30 - 8:30 Staff Meeting	7:30 - 8:30 Staff Meeting	9:30-12:30 Teacher Led Lessons
9:30-12:30 Teacher Led Lessons	9:30-12:30 Teacher Led Lessons	9:30-12:30 Teacher Led Lessons	9:30-12:30 Teacher Led Lessons	<p>Live Lessons at the High School are allowed.</p> <p>However, teachers need to be available as needed for IEP Meetings, Professional Development and Grade Level Student Success Meetings.</p>
12:30 - 1:00 Lunch	12:30 - 1:00 Lunch	12:30 - 1:00 Lunch	12:30 - 1:00 Lunch	
1:00 - 2:00 Professional Learning	1:00 - 2:00 Professional Learning	1:00 - 2:00 Professional Learning	1:00 - 2:00 Professional Learning	
2:00 - 3:30 Office Hours/Admin Mtg	2:00 - 3:30 Office Hours/Admin Mtg	2:00 - 3:30 Office Hours/Admin Mtg	2:00 - 3:30 Office Hours/Admin Mtg	

Thanks to each of you for supporting one another, for embracing uncertainty with grace and patience, and for finding strength in one another. We must remind ourselves that we're part of a greater community, and that our purpose is to emerge from this with the tools to build a better world.

Be Safe and Go Outlaws,

Joe Hosang