

NEW Regulation for 2020 GHS Marking Period 4 Grading Policy

All GHS students may opt in to receive a pass or fail grade instead of a letter grade for the 4th marking period for all courses. The decision needs to be considered carefully by all students because it may impact their overall final grade for their courses. This document provides information on how final grades for courses will be calculated for full year, semester 2, and 4th marking period courses. Importantly, final exams have been cancelled for all full year, semester 2, and marking period 4 courses for all students for the 2019-20 academic year. Students who opt in for the MP 4 Pass/Fail option are expected to meet all the requirements for the course.

1. Marking Period 4 (MP 4) Pass/Fail Expectation

- For a second semester or full-year course, a student who opts for Pass/Fail must earn a score of 59.5 % or higher for Marking Period 4 in order to receive a Pass. A Pass grade will not be factored into the student's final grade for the course. The prior marking period grades and midterm exam grade (if applicable) will be reweighted to arrive at a final, traditional letter grade for the course. The final grade for the course alone is what gets reported on the transcript and calculated into the student's cumulative GPA..
- If a student's fourth marking period grade is lower than a 59.5 %, they will receive an F for the fourth marking period. The letter grade *would* factor into the student's final grade along with grades from prior marking period and the midterm exam (if applicable). In sum, for a semester or full-year course, a fourth marking period Pass will not count toward a student's final grade calculation, but an F will.
- For Wellness and PE courses that are one marking period in length, the student will receive a final grade for the course of Pass or Fail. A grade of Pass is not included in the calculation of cumulative GPAs, but the students will receive 0.125 credit. A grade of Fail is not included in the cumulative GPAs, and the student will receive no credit.

2. Final Grade Calculation Scenarios

- A. Final Grade of a full year (FY) course will be calculated using one of the following weighting systems depending on whether the student opts in for Pass/Fail or not. Final exams are not administered for the 19-20 school year. *Note: Standard is shown for comparison but will not be used because final exams have been cancelled. ** Note: This may be different from what was originally posted by the course at the beginning of the school year

Full Year Course		MP 1	MP 2	Midterm Exam (MX)	MP 3	MP 4	Final Exam (FX)	Final Grade (FG)
*Standard	Weighting	20 %	20 %	10%	20 %	20 %	10%	Letter Grade
**No Final Exam & MP 4 Letter Grade	Weighting	22.5 %	22.5 %	10%	22.5 %	22.5 %	NA	Letter Grade
No Final Exam & MP 4 is a Pass	Weighting	30%	30%	10%	30%	NA	NA	Letter Grade
No Final Exam & MP 4 is an F	Weighting	22.5 %	22.5 %	10%	22.5 %	22.5 %	NA	Letter Grade

- B.** Final Grade of a Semester 2 (S2) course will be calculated using one of the following weighting systems depending on whether the student opts in for Pass/Fail or not. Final exams are not administered for the 19-20 school year. *Note: Standard is shown for comparison but will not be used because final exams have been cancelled.

Semester 2 Course		MP 3	MP 4	Final Exam (FX)	Final Grade (FG)
*Standard	Weighting	40 %	40 %	20 %	Letter Grade
No Final Exam & MP 4 Letter grade	Weighting	50 %	50 %	NA	Letter Grade
No Final Exam & MP 4 is a Pass	Weighting	100 %	NA	NA	Letter Grade
No Final Exam & MP 4 is a F	Weighting	50 %	50 %	NA	Letter Grade

- C.** Final Grade of a MP 4 course (Phys Ed 10, 11, 12 or Wellness 10, 11, 12) will be calculated using one of the following weighting systems depending on whether the student opts in for Pass/Fail or not: Final exams are not administered for the 19-20 school year. *Note: Standard is shown for comparison but will not be used because final exams have been cancelled.

MP 4 Course		MP 4	Final Exam (FX)	Final Grade (FG)
*Standard	Weighting	80 %	20 %	Letter Grade
No Final Exam & MP 4 Letter Grade	Weighting	100 %	NA	Letter Grade
No Final Exam & MP 4 is a Pass	Weighting	100 %	NA	Pass
No Final Exam & MP 4 is a F	Weighting	100 %	NA	Fail

3. GPA Calculations

There are three GPAs at GHS:

1. Marking Period (MP) GPA: There will be no Marking Period 4 GPA if a student opts in for Pass/Fail for all full year, semester 2, and MP 4 courses. MP 4 GPA is used to determine MP 4 High Honor Roll and Honor Roll eligibility. If a student chooses the MP 4 Pass/Fail option they will not be eligible for the MP 4 High Honor Roll or Honor Roll.
2. Year End GPA: The Year End GPA will be calculated using the Final Grades of Full year and Semester courses. (No change in current practice)
3. Cum GPA: The Cum GPA will be calculated using the Final Grades of Full year and Semester courses. (No change in current practice)

4. Transcript Implications

- a) If a student chooses MP 4 Pass/Fail opt in, MP 4 Courses (Wellness and PE) will show a Pass or Fail on the transcript.
- b) A statement will be included in the Greenwich High School Profile about our grading practices during distance learning Spring 2020.

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