



# Midway School District



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## STUDENT GRADES DURING CLOSURE

May 1, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians:

As we continue with our school campus closure due to the Coronavirus/Covid-19 health crisis, the Midway School District is committed to providing your student(s) with ongoing distant learning for the remainder of this school year. I want to also acknowledge the dedication and collaboration of our teachers, staff members, parents and guardians, Board of Trustees, and our remarkable and resilient students. Thank you again for all of your hard work, patience, and partnership as we navigate through these unprecedented challenges.

Over the last several weeks the District has been working with the state and local educational officials to determine the most effective and appropriate grading methods given the current circumstances. Midway is committed to ensure that students are held harmless from any negative academic impacts due to the closure.

Therefore, in order to ensure equitable and reasonable grading for all K-8 students, Midway School District will adopt a PASS/NO PASS grading system for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter session, 2019-20 (March 13<sup>th</sup>-June 3<sup>rd</sup>). PASS/NO PASS grading means that a student will not receive a traditional letter grade (A, B, C, D, or F). Instead, report cards will reflect that a student either passed the academic subject (P) or did not pass the academic subject (NP). Student will have to receive a 60% (D) or better in order to pass the academic subject. Keep in mind that PASS/NO PASS grading system will not count towards student's 4<sup>th</sup> quarter GPA (grade point average) or students cumulative GPA for the 2019-20 school year. Using the PASS/NO PASS grading system will avoid any negative impact on GPA's, student promotions or 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation requirements as a result of the shift to online instruction.

Continuing student engagement and learning through these remaining weeks is absolutely critical and essential. Our goal is that our students return to school in August prepared for the new academic year, as unencumbered as possible due to the school closure. Your continued participation in ongoing distant learning is vital to this effort.

Thank you again for your continued support of Midway School District - and of our wonderful and strong TIGER students, whom we miss very much.

Sincerely,

Al Quezada

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