

## River Bend Remote Learning Grading Question and Answers

As we continue the ISBE Remote Learning Days time period, questions around grading need to be clarified. All teachers should have, and will continue, to provide students with homework to complete during this mandated closure. The state of Illinois has given school districts guidelines for grading. Students are expected to be engaged with school and their teachers. **Just because students are not physically at school does not mean learning stops.**

We all need to understand that continuing the student's education is very vital to each student's future. We will not be able to repeat all of the classes or materials nor will we be able start over next year. Most students will be transitioning to new classes and new grade levels next year therefore we will need to continue to develop skills and knowledge now. Completion of work will be rewarded. **Not being engaged or not completing work during remote learning will require teachers to consider this work incomplete.**

If a teacher sets a due date, remember that it is a guideline. All work will be accepted after any due date. These dates are set to help students have a schedule. However, we understand that this schedule does not fit all students' needs.

Listed below are some frequently asked questions involving more specific aspects of grading:

- 1. Will my student receive grades for the work they are completing remotely?**
  - a. *Yes. Teachers will assign PASS (P) or INCOMPLETE (I) grades to students during this remote learning period for 4th quarter.*
- 2. How does a student earn a "P" or passing grade for this remote learning period?**
  - a. *Students that receive a 60% or higher will receive a "P" and students that receive less than 60% will receive an "I". Students who are assigned an "I" have the ability to redo or complete assignments in order to earn a "P" for the remote learning period.*
  - b. *Grading for Dual Credit coursework will be determined by colleges conducting the courses.*
- 3. How will semester grades be determined?**
  - a. *Students percentage grade for Quarter 3 will be averaged with student percentage grade for Quarter 4. Averages that are higher than 60% will produce a "P" on the school transcript and allow the students to earn a credit for that class.*
- 4. How will elementary grades 3 through 5 be determined since they don't use semester grades?**
  - a. *Students percentage grades will be averaged to determine an overall yearly grade. Averages that are higher than 60% will produce a "P" on the school transcript and allow the students to earn a credit for that class.*
- 5. What about 1st and 2nd grade, which use a Unsatisfactory (U), Satisfactory (S), Excellent (E) rating report card?**
  - a. *Students will continue to use that rating system during Remote Learning.*
- 6. What about Kindergarten, which uses a standards-based report card?**
  - a. *If a student has shown improvement in a core Remote Learning standard, they will receive an increase in their proficiency score from Q3 to Q4. Otherwise, their proficiency score will remain the same from Q3 to Q4.*

**7. Will these Pass/Incomplete Grades impact my students GPA?**

- a. *No. Illinois State Board of Education has stated this remote period should not negatively impact any student and their overall academic performance. Therefore, there will be no impact to your child's cumulative GPA. All cumulative GPAs will be locked with the end of the 2019 first semester until school resumes.*

**8. Will receiving an "Incomplete" in a class for 2nd semester affect HS athletic eligibility?**

- a. A HS student must pass 7 of 8 courses in the Spring semester in order to participate during the Fall semester.
- b. An "Incomplete" does **not** count as passing credit.
- c. If the IHSA amends the eligibility policy, we will communicate any changes.

**9. Why should my son or daughter complete the assignments?**

- a. *If students choose not to be engaged in any manner, it is a possibility that students:*
  - i. *will earn an incomplete for the class*
  - ii. *Earn no credit and have to repeat the class*
  - iii. *complete work in summer school*
  - iv. *continue on through other ways when we return.*

**10. Why does my child have a "0" in the gradebook?**

- a. *Students are still expected to complete Remote Learning assignments. To help students/parents understand how an uncompleted assignment will impact an overall grade, "0's" will be placed in the gradebook. These assignments can be made up for full credit at any time.*

**11. Will my son or daughter continue to accumulate high school credits for graduation?**

- a. *A passing grade (P) will ensure credit is issued for the course in which your student is enrolled. If a student receives an incomplete grade (I) during this time, he or she will not receive credit until the work is complete.*

**12. What happens when school resumes?**

- a. *Teachers will determine a final PASS (P) or INCOMPLETE (I) grade for the duration of the remote learning period. Students earning a PASS (P) grade will continue with no impact to the grades they received prior to and after our closure.*
- b. *Students who earn an INCOMPLETE (I) grade must complete the required material prior to the end of the year to generate a cumulative grade and earn the credit for the class.*

**13. What if my student was planning to redo/retake an assignment/assessment prior to the closure?**

- a. *Contact your teacher. Please have your son or daughter contact his/her teacher to see if they are eligible based on teacher criteria.*

**14. What happens if this closure extends through May?**

- a. *Remote Learning will continue and teachers will assign final grades of Pass (P) or Incomplete (I). While grades will not count in the overall GPA, high school credits will be issued for passing grades.*