



## NEW BRAUNFELS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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As you know NBISD is committed to providing all of our students with robust, remote learning opportunities during closure to ensure students are as well prepared as possible for the next school year. While it is not possible to conduct credible major examinations, our teachers are all assigning **Daily Grades** weekly in each core content area. **Consistent with usual grade policy, the average of these grades will appear on the 4th Quarter of the report card for all grade levels and courses 1st-12th.** There will be no Spring Final Exam grade, the teacher will mark that section exempt. The 1st and 2nd-semester grades will average as usual for elementary, middle and high to determine promotion and course credit. Extenuating circumstances will be factored into the promotion and retention decisions. Teachers will act in the best interest of the student in accordance with board policy—as per usual.

There are some exceptions/details:

**Pre Kindergarten** will use CLI information/data from the start of school until closure (Aug.-March), consider participation in 4th quarter activities for the end of year report to parents.

**Kindergarten** will use daily grades and information gathered in the 4th quarter to complete ESGI end of year grade reports as appropriate.

**High School Year-long courses** will use the overall grade for the 2nd semester as the transcript grade for that semester. If a student fails for the 2nd semester the teacher will review 3rd and 4th quarter grades and the level of effort and participation in the 4th remote quarter. If failing grades accurately reflect a lack of knowledge of the content TEKS for the year, credit for the 2nd semester will be denied. As per usual: students could end up passing for the year if the two semesters average to a passing grade.

For **SEMESTER ONLY courses** taken during Spring 2020 (such as Health, Speech, Government, Economics, etc.) the teacher reviews 3rd and 4th quarter grades and the level of effort and participation in the 4th remote quarter. If, based on student performance throughout the semester, the teacher determines the student has acquired knowledge and skills of course TEKS to be successful in the next level course the student will earn course credit. If the failing grades accurately reflect a lack of knowledge of the content TEKS for the year credit for the 2nd semester will be denied.

**Rank/GPA calculations will** exclude Spring Semester 2020 from Rank/GPA for both weighted and unweighted GPA for all students currently taking High School courses. Local Graduation Honors for the Senior class of 2020 will continue to follow policy EIC (Local) using 3rd quarter grades since the school was not closed prior to the end of the 3rd quarter grading period.

Policy currently states using the end of the 4th quarter grading period to determine the final rank. The final rank for the Senior class of 2020 would be determined at the end of Fall 2019.

Since the Governor's Executive Order closing schools through the end of the 2019-20 school year, we have had some questions from you that I would like to answer.

**Q: Does the Governor's Order have any effect on the school closing date?**

A: No. Students are required to attend school for 75,660 minutes by State Law. The Texas Education Agency has informed us that this law will not be impacted by the school closures. Due to this requirement, the NBISD school calendar for 2020-21 will not be modified.

**Q: What is going to happen to graduation?**

A: We are working on details for graduation for our 2020 seniors. That information will be shared with seniors and their parents in a separate letter from NBHS.

**Q: Will students be allowed to return to school campuses to pick up personal belongings?**

A: Yes. We are working on the details to make this happen. It will coincide with students bringing back technology, textbooks, athletic equipment, band equipment, etc. More details will be shared with you in the near future.

**Q: Will Summer school and summer camps happen this year?**

A: We do not have an answer to this question at this time. We are awaiting the Governor's announcements on Monday, April 27, to see if we have additional guidance.

We continue to participate in multiple ZOOM information planning sessions daily with other school districts, state and local officials, TDSHS, and CDC. As new developments arise, we will reach out to you with pertinent information through SchoolMessenger.

Please continue to "Stay Home and Stay Safe" as much as possible. We are still seeing new cases of COVID-19 in Comal and Guadalupe Counties. We are all anxious to move back into our "normal" routines, however, your safety and that of our students, faculty and staff continue to be our number one priority.

Sincerely,  
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