

April 14th, 2020

Dear Frontier Families,

I hope this message finds you well. Given the unprecedented circumstances we are facing, we have adjusted both the timeline and method for grading at both the elementary and secondary levels.

Elementary Second and Third Trimester Report Cards:

Our elementary teachers are currently completing the second trimester report cards for students from kindergarten through fifth grade. Although our second trimester was cut short by one week due to the COVID-19 outbreak, our elementary teachers will strive to provide an accurate picture with regard to how our students were progressing across the content and special areas as of March 13th. The completed elementary report cards will be available for viewing on the Parent Portal starting at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 21st. For the final trimester report card, elementary classroom teachers will be providing narrative feedback, rather than assigning grades.

Middle and High School Third and Fourth Quarter Grading:

We have adjusted our method of grading for middle and high school report cards based upon the unique circumstances created by the COVID-19 pandemic. The third quarter will close as of March 13, 2020. In order to promote equity in light of the circumstances we are experiencing, both the third and fourth quarters will be graded according to a scale which includes ratings of Pass (65% or above), Fail or Incomplete. For the third quarter, students who complete and submit the instructional packets they received in March by May 1st will be given additional credit toward a passing grade for each course of the third quarter. The fourth quarter would begin on April 20th. Although numeric grades will be kept in a gradebook in order to justify a rating of Pass, Fail or Incomplete, they will no longer be reported out on the report card. This is the opportunity to have students demonstrate growth toward mastery and begin credit recovery opportunities. Clearly, we are facing a very challenging and novel situation, and we sincerely thank you for your understanding and support.

Thank you for your continued partnership. Please contact your principal if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Colleen Duggan, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction