Grading Clarification

Dear Mabry Families,

Despite these unusual times, I hope that everyone was able to relax and enjoy some downtime with family over spring break. As we continue to navigate through this unprecedented time, we know how challenging the last few weeks have been. We also know that our families are experiencing a variety of challenges and we want to assure you we will continue to support you, your family, and your student’s learning – even if that support looks and feels different than it did just a few short weeks ago.

Our focus continues to be on student learning, and we are committed to support our students in their continued academic growth, despite these challenging times. The learning that will continue to take place over the next few weeks can be some of the most important, memorable, and longest-lasting lessons your child will ever learn. We appreciate your digital partnership while we cannot be physically present.

As you know, the district has made a wide variety of commitments regarding grading and other important areas, which can be found here. One of those commitments is that student Q4 final grades will not be any lower than their Q3 final grades. In addition, grades for new Q4 connections classes will not be lower than a 70. However, students should take this opportunity to continue to enrich their learning; especially since grades can only go up from Q3. While we understand that some students may not continue submitting assignments, please know that not continuing to learn the curriculum could hinder their proficiency and mastery in preparation for next year. We want to keep our students’ brains active. Therefore, submitting work and gaining feedback will only enhance this process and will not hurt your student’s final Q4 grade.

We want to assure you that student grades will not be penalized during this digital learning time. As a result, it is not necessary to communicate to teachers that you are opting to accept Q3 grades. All students will receive grades equal to or higher than their Q3 grades. However, our teachers are going to continue to provide instruction, as learning is so much more than just receiving grades. We are encouraging our parents to ensure students are engaged in their learning as this will only help them as they begin the next school year. The learning that will take place over the next few weeks will truly help students get a good start when we begin next school year.

As always, thank you for your continued partnership and support of our school!

Sincerely,

Mr. Tanner