



LA HONDA-PESCADERO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Amy Wooliever, Superintendent

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Dear Parents and Students,

After much discussion, research, and debate, Pescadero Middle School and Pescadero High School administration recommended the following plan for the Spring 2020 semester grading policy to the Superintendent and the School Board for approval. Please know that we are aware that there is no perfect plan that will satisfy everyone's individual wishes, but we felt our decision was best for our students, educators, and community during COVID-19 distance learning.

Plan:

1. Students will continue to earn letter grades through the entire spring semester; however, because of the incredible amount of variables in almost every student's ability to fully access their education, the lowest grade a student can receive will be a D-.
2. Students may opt for or receive an "Incomplete" and work with their teacher to complete work that has not been turned in for grading.
3. We will continue to contact households that are not fully engaging in the educational process to make sure they understand that their education is essential.
4. Teachers understand the circumstances we are faced with and will work with students to best support them during these times. Please contact them through e-mail, text/phone or call the "LHPUSD HotLine" at 879-0360.

Rationale:

1. A vast majority of our students are working really hard to raise or maintain their grades, and we've heard clearly that these efforts and dedication to their studies must be recognized.
2. A number of students who value their education and grades have been put in the position of needing to care for younger siblings or are having to work during traditional school time to help support their family. Thus, their grades have been adversely impacted.
3. A number of students have unreliable access to internet or need additional support to successfully complete their work despite the efforts of teachers and staff.

We felt the right thing to do is to not allow any student to fail under these unprecedented conditions. We truly appreciate all the support, great ideas, and kindness that so many have shown during these incredibly challenging times.

Sincerely,

Amy Wooliever