



In mid-March, students transitioned to APS Connected Learning (learning from home) when Governor DeWine issued a stay-at-home order due to COVID-19. Since that time, the Akron Public schools maintained the following overarching beliefs as we shifted to APS Connected Learning:

- **Student's well-being first, content second**
- **Focus on student learning, not grades and test scores**
- **Students will not be penalized for conditions beyond their control**

Our overarching philosophy of grading during this final 4th quarter of school, while students have been learning from home, is students can only maintain or improve their grades from the end of the 3rd quarter and not drop lower. In other words, students' grades will either stay the same or go up based on their grades since March 13th, but they will not go down.

2019-2020 Final Report Cards: Final report card grades will be issued by teachers in Home Access Center (HAC) using traditional letter grades (i.e., A - F). HAC is our online student and parent portal where you can check your child's assignments, grades, attendance, test scores, and much more. Teachers are carefully monitoring progress throughout this last marking period to assess if the student's growth stayed the same as when they were in live classes or improved in their new learning environment.

For grades K-6, the final grades will be an average of the year's performance the student had while in face-to-face sessions (Aug - March 13th), plus a potential increase based on the student's performance during APS Connected Learning in the final quarter of school. As a result, the final grade will be equal to or greater than their average performance of Marking Periods 1-3. An E in Marking Period 4 indicates the grade was maintained and is exempt from a lower grade. A letter grade in Marking Period 4 indicates improved growth. Primary Progress in K-2 classrooms will be reported with P, S, N or H.

For grades 7-12, 4th Marking Period grades will be based on grades students earned while in face-to-face sessions for the 3rd Marking Period in combination with the benefit students have gained through APS Connected Learning. Semester Marks will represent the average of Marking Periods 3 and 4, and will be equal to or greater than their 3rd Marking Period grade. Additionally, in grades 9-12, students will be exempt from all semester exams so they may focus on their day-to-day course content throughout the remainder of the school year.

3rd Grade Student- Math Scenario 1

Marking Period 1	Marking Period 2	Marking Period 3	Marking Period 4	Final Grade
A-	C+	B	E	B

This elementary student has an average final grade of a B based on Marking Period 1-3. The E in Marking Period 4 indicates that the student maintained the learning they had while in face to face classes and is exempt from a lower grade.

3rd Grade Student- Math Scenario 2

Marking Period 1	Marking Period 2	Marking Period 3	Marking Period 4	Final Grade
A-	C+	B	A	B+

This elementary student continued growth in Marking Period 4 better than the original B average. The teacher entered an A in Marking Period 4 to indicate this growth. The Final Grade of B+ reflects the new average for the year.

9th Grade Student- Math Scenario 1

Marking Period 3	Marking Period 4	Semester 2
C-	C-	C-

This secondary student earned a C- in Marking Period 3. The grade has been carried forward into Marking Period 4 and Semester 2. The student has maintained the learning and cannot be marked lower.

9th Grade Student- Math Scenario 2

Marking Period 3	Marking Period 4	Semester 2
C-	B+	B-

In this scenario, this secondary student earned a C- in Marking Period 3. The teacher has indicated a performance higher than a C- by changing the Marking Period 4 grade to a B+. The Semester 2 Grade has recalculated to reflect the new average for the semester.

For all students, summative marks will be issued and calculated into the student's GPA where applicable. Report Cards will be mailed home in June. Please reach out to your building principal or counselor for additional information. If a student is having problems connecting to learning, please call 330-761-2810 for assistance.