

Syllabus Addendum

Fourth Quarter 2020

Distance Learning Procedures and Grading Policy

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Ponderosa High School

Delivery of Curriculum:

Edgenuity

For the remainder of the academic year, curriculum will be delivered to students through the distance learning platform Edgenuity. Your Government course on Edgenuity began on Thursday March 23rd and will conclude on Tuesday May 26th. Initially the end date of the course was May 8th but this has been altered. The May 8th date was provided by the administration when it was believed we would return to school this year. The new end date of the course is now May 26th which is a closer reflection of the last day of instruction for the school year. This update will have a slight impact on your target progress but no additional work has been added to the course.

Distance Learning Packets

Students without internet access have been provided with a packet of materials to be completed and submitted in May. This packet will be graded holistically and will account for 30% of the student's overall second semester grade in place of Edgenuity. More information about how, when, and where to turn this packet in will be sent to you individually at a later date. Please keep an eye out for it!

Expectations:

Students are expected to complete all the work assigned. This includes the whole Edgenuity program or the whole packet of work (for those without internet access).

Please note that, for Edgenuity, I will be using your "*Relative Grade*". When you log in you see your "Actual Grade" which is how you've performed on the work you've completed. Your "Relative Grade" takes into account your "Actual Grade" AND how far along you are in the course. Therefore, if you fail to complete the course your grade will be much lower. When you finish the course in its entirety the two grades, "Relative" and "Actual" will be the same. Here is a screenshot example below from the course report.

Danielle Roberts

Course Report: Roberts Government

Actual Grade: 83.4% | Overall Grade: 83.4% | Relative Grade: 28.3%

Created On: 03/19/2020
Start Date: 03/19/2020
Student Progress: 37%

Activity	Due	First Attempt	Submitted	Attempts	Est Time	Total Time	Category
Unit: Civil Rights and Liberties							
Lesson: The Bill of Rights							

There will be no final exam at the end of the 4th quarter. Your work at home will suffice.

Grading Weights:

The social studies department at Ponderosa High School has determined that the distance learning portion of this semester will account for approximately 30% of the student's overall semester grade. Your third quarter grades that you earned in the classroom will make up approximately 70% of your overall semester grade.

To get your final semester grade I will be updating your gradebook categories and weights in Aeries. Originally your grades were not weighed. They will now be weighted.

THIRD QUARTER GRADEBOOK CATEGORIES UNWEIGHTED	
Assignment Type	
Homework/Classwork	
Tests & quizzes	
Final Exam	

UPDATED GRADEBOOK WEIGHTS	
Categories	Weight
3rd quarter in class grade	70%
4th quarter Distance learning	30%

These updates will be adjusted on Friday April 17th. When you finish the Edgenuity course OR on May 26th (whichever is first) I will enter your Edgenuity grade on Aeries. For those working on packets, when you turn in your packet I will grade it and enter your 4th quarter grade.

Grading Policy:

Due to the circumstances of this semester the school board has approved a different grading policy for spring semester. Students may take a traditional letter grade (A, B, C, etc.) OR may request a Pass "P" / No Mark "NM". Unless it is requested students will automatically be given a traditional letter grade. More information is coming soon from the administration about how to opt into Pass / No Mark.

For my class if you choose the Pass / No Mark option you would receive a Pass for a grade 60% and above and No Mark for a grade below 60%. For purposes of high school graduation requirements a Pass will earn you credit for the class but a No Mark will not earn you credit for the class. Remember this class is still a graduation requirement. This means if you opt in and receive a No Mark you will not meet the graduation requirement and are unable to graduate. Neither a Pass or a No Mark will impact your GPA like a traditional letter grade does.

Currently the state UC and CSU colleges have stated that they will accept Pass / No Marks for this graduating class because of the circumstances. However other colleges may not honor this policy. If you already have college plans for this coming fall please look into your specific college grading policy.

Due to the uncertainty I am recommending that you stay with the traditional letter grading option. You have up until May 22nd to change your grading option for the semester.