

April 13, 2020

Dear U-32 Families,

I hope that you are doing well and following the Governor's stay at home order, so that we all stay healthy. Between now and the end of the year we are going to do our best to learn and be productive, while remembering that the stay at home order has created chaos in all our lives. One of the most important things we can do for each other is to remain patient. For more information on what is happening with U-32 check out our [newsletter](#) and the [Chronicle](#).

Our teachers have been busy this past week planning for the rest of the year. We have one-fourth (25%) of the school year left and I want to be clear: school is not over; students will have work to do, and it will be assessed. To help you understand how we are progressing from here, this is what I have communicated to teachers:

- Students should have about 2 hours of work per week, per class. (some of will need more and some less time to complete assignments, but we are aiming for this goal)
- Assignments and work should be assigned once a week with a consistent day and time to receive them
- Zoom sessions for teaching a concept should be short and no more than 30 minutes if possible; teachers are encouraged to pre-record sessions
- Scoring of assessments should be done using our existing rubrics
- Final course scores will be done on a scale of Incomplete (if the final calculated score is a 1 or 2), 3 - meet course expectations, or 4 - meeting course expectations with distinction. All of the course scores will be calculated as they would have been before, but no course scores of 1 or 2 will be on a transcript for this semester.

We are trying to use our scoring and assessments to give feedback and honor the work that students are doing. We still have lots of questions about how transcripts will eventually look and for this year's seniors, we are still working on how to show that they have met all their proficiencies.

Most importantly, I want students to understand that there is no "free pass." We are going to make sure that we do not penalize anyone for having difficulties during this time of remote learning, however, I need everyone to understand that if students were not doing work prior to us being dismissed and they are still not doing work now, they will not automatically pass their classes and be deemed proficient. I need everyone to continue to work as much as they are able and to reach out to TAs, counselors, teachers and administrators if they are having difficulty.

To all of our families, I wish good health for all of you, both mental and physical. I find all of this difficult and I am sure you do, too. Reach out if we can be of help, we want you to be safe and healthy so we can all get back together someday.

Sincerely,

Steven Dellinger-Pate,

Principal