



Thursday, April 30, 2020

Dear RSPA Parents,

While we are faced with unprecedented times, we do not want your child's grade or academic status to be an area of concern or uncertainty. RSPA has taken every precaution to guarantee that students receive stellar academic instruction while ensuring that the 4<sup>th</sup> nine-weeks will not have a negative impact on the grade advancement of your scholar. With the support of teachers, our goal is to grow our students learning as we work together to navigate through this new and unusual situation.

**How will the 4<sup>th</sup> 9wks affect my scholar's grades?**

3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students: **Grading from March 30- May 29, 2020.**

No more than 2 grades per week will be taken for the 4<sup>th</sup> nine-weeks. All grades will be considered formative and weighted equally for each student. The decision has been made for grades in the 4<sup>th</sup> nine-weeks to not negatively impact any student's overall grades. For the semester average the 3<sup>rd</sup> nine-weeks grade and the higher of the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> nine-weeks will be averaged together to receive the end of the semester grade. No final exams will be given.

**Scenarios:**

	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Nine-Week Grade</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Nine-Week Grade</b>	<b>Semester Grade</b>
Scenario 1	75	80	$(75+80)/2= 78$ Final Semester Grade
Scenario 2	75	70	$(75+75)/2= 75$ Final Semester Grade
Scenario 3	75	60	$(75+75)/2= 75$ Final Semester Grade
Scenario 4	65	80	$(65+80)/2= 73$ Final Semester Grade

**K-2 students**

No more than 2 grades per week will be taken for the 4<sup>th</sup> nine-weeks. With one grade being a participation/completion grade. All grades will be considered formative and weighted equally for each student. 4<sup>th</sup> nine-weeks will be based on the average of the first three nine-week grading periods.

**Where can I find grades for the 3<sup>rd</sup> nine-week grading period?**

Report cards for the 3<sup>rd</sup> nine-week grading period will be visible in the Parent Portal on **Friday, April 10, 2020.**

**Will students complete STAAR tests?**

Grades 3-8 STAAR will not be given this spring or summer. However, students in grades 3-8 will participate in an end of year assessment.