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TO: Students enrolled in high school courses and End-of-Course Exam (EOC) courses

Teachers of high school courses and EOC courses

Administrators of schools offering high school courses and EOC courses

FROM: Daniel Gohl, Chief Academic Officer

RE: Final grade calculation for students enrolled in high school courses and EOC courses

For School Year 2019-20, the Florida Department of Education has cancelled all EOC exams. Additionally, Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) has made the decision to cancel Final Exams at all schools except for Broward Virtual which is under a different regulatory system. This correspondence provides guidance on how BCPS will calculate final grades for high school and EOC courses.

For all students in EOC courses,

- The <u>requirement to take the corresponding EOC in order to receive credit for the course is waived</u>. Therefore, students will not take an EOC this school year, nor have to sit for a future administration of the EOC (with the exception of the Algebra 1, or concordant score, requirement for graduation). However, EOC requirements still need to be met to be eligible for a scholar designation diploma.
- The calculation of the final grade for EOC courses will be made by replacing the EOC grade, 30% of the final grade by Florida Statute, with one of the quarter marks according to the following criteria:
 - If the student earns a minimum grade of a C in the 4th quarter, then the EOC grade will be replaced by highest letter grade of the four quarters for the calculation of the final course grade;
 - If the student does not earn a minimum grade of a C in the 4th quarter, then the EOC grade will be replaced by the higher of the 3rd or 4th quarter letter grade for the calculation of the final course grade;
 - The intent of the system outlined above is to benefit students that remain engaged throughout the 4th quarter.
- Teachers will enter 4th quarter marks on or before May 27, 2020 for Seniors and June 3, 2020 for all other grades. The District will then run a program to calculate the final course grade from the four quarter grades, the mid-term examination, and the appropriate highest quarter letter grade replacement for the 30% component previously reserved for the EOC. No additional work or calculation will be required of teachers or school administrators.
- For schools that are on a 4-by-4 block such as Coconut Creek High School and the District's Technical High Schools the EOC grade will be replaced by the higher of the 3rd or 4th quarter grades.



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For all students in High School (non-EOC) courses,

- The <u>requirement to take a Final Exam is waived</u>. Therefore, students will not take any Final Exams this year, with the exception of Broward Virtual School/Florida Virtual School and Dual Enrollment courses that still require a final exam.
- The calculation of the final semester grade for High School (non-EOC) courses will be made by replacing the Final Exam grade, 25% of the final semester grade by BCPS Policy, by the higher of the 3rd or 4th quarter letter grade for calculation of the final course grade.
- Teachers will enter 4th quarter marks on or before May 27, 2020 for Seniors and June 3, 2020 for all other grades. The District will then run a program to calculate the final semester course grade from the two quarter grades and the appropriate highest quarter letter grade replacement for the Final Exam component. No additional work or calculation will be required of teachers or school administrators.
- For schools that are on a 4-by-4 block such as Coconut Creek High School and the District's Technical High Schools the Final Exam grade will be replaced by the 4th quarter grade.