Dear ECISD Families and Staff:

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) has affirmed that each school district has the local authority to determine the grading criteria that best fits the needs of the district and its students due to COVID-19 for Spring Semester 2020.

**Overall Guidance:**

ECISD strives to support students, families, and staff within our system and will focus on student success by:

- Balancing compassion, rigor, support and flexibility, we will hold students harmless for any negative impact due to COVID-19 remote learning experiences
- Focusing on priority standards and proficiencies required for success in the next grade
- Allowing students to show their understanding through print and digital formats
- Providing campus structures to monitor and support students who are at risk of not meeting academic targets

**High School:**

- Final exams for the Spring Semester are cancelled
- Final exam grades will be recorded as an “E” for Exempt in Gradebook which eliminates the final exam from the grade calculation
- All remaining student work must be submitted by May 18th
- Teaching and learning will continue through May 21st
- Students will complete AP/IB tests online and teachers are reaching out to students with information
- Teachers will assign and grade student work and will provide a minimum of one grade per week for each content or subject
- Assignments will be weighted equally
- Students enrolled in dual credit courses will follow the grading guidelines and timelines associated with the college expectations for each course
- Parents will continue to view grades in Parent Portal ([www.ectorcountyisd.org](http://www.ectorcountyisd.org) – click on the tab “Parents & Students and select txConnect Parent Portal) and will have access to progress reports and report cards
- The 4th, 5th and 6th six weeks averages will be calculated to determine the semester two average
- Any Senior (Class of 2020) at risk of not graduating due to lack of credits or other factors, will be academically monitored and the Individual Graduation Committee process will be fulfilled
Middle School:

- Final exams for the Spring Semester are cancelled
- Final exam grades will be recorded as an “E” for Exempt in Gradebook which eliminates the final exam from the grade calculation
- All remaining student work must be submitted by May 18th
- Teaching and learning will continue through May 21st
- Teachers will assign and grade student work and will provide a minimum of one grade per week for each content or subject
- Assignments will be weighted equally
- Parents will continue to view grades in Parent Portal (www.ectorcountyisd.org – click on the tab “Parents & Students and select txConnect Parent Portal) and will have access to progress reports and report cards
- The 4th, 5th and 6th six weeks averages will be calculated to determine the semester two average
- Grade Placement Committee (GPC) will be utilized at the end of the year to determine if students with failing grades have met mastery for promotion

PK/Elementary:

- A minimum of one grade per week will be recorded per subject, as written in the grading regulation
- Assignments will be weighted equally
- Teachers will monitor student progress on learning opportunities through telephone calls, video conferences and email
- Parents will continue to view grades in Parent Portal and will have access to progress reports and report cards
- Grade Placement Committee (GPC) will be utilized at the end of the year to determine if students with failing grades have met mastery for promotion

Summer Learning:

During the normal school year, ECISD provides unique summer academic programs that range from acceleration to enrichment. Summer Learning 2020 will provide students with two different tracks for learning. One is acceleration for K-8 students needing additional support in reading and math. ECISD will provide each student, hands on manipulatives, texts and tools that will make summer learning engaging and fun from home. High school students will have the opportunity to work on course credits during the summer. ECISD will also provide “extension and enriching” opportunities for all students through digital virtual field trips and other learning activities that will be optional for all our ECISD learners.

With Appreciation,
Dr. Scott Muri, Superintendent of Schools