

VANGUARD ACADEMY 4TH QUARTER GRADING PRACTICES

State officials have announced the continuation of distance learning through the end of the school year. In conjunction with Utah State Board of Education guidance, *“USBE does recommend that districts and charters establish a methodology to fairly calculate grades based on work previously completed and a methodology for GPA calculations, including considering pass/incomplete grade,”* the following grading practices will be implemented at Vanguard Academy for the 4th quarter.

For the remainder of the school year, teachers will keep student scores in Canvas up to date. Canvas calculates a grade or proficiency level after scores are entered. Teachers, students and parents can continue to monitor scores on Canvas throughout the quarter. Final grades will be posted by teachers in **PowerSchool** by 4:00 pm on **Friday, May 15, 2020**. Parents and students can view final posted grades on PowerSchool after that time. Students will be given the higher of their 4th quarter grade **OR** the average of first, second and third term grades (3rd term grades for semester classes) as their final grade in PowerSchool.

Families may request a “P” Pass grade to replace a letter grade of D- or above or an “i” INCOMPLETE to replace a failing grade in PowerSchool. This request needs to be made in writing using the “Grade Change Form.”

A copy of the “Grade Change Form” is included below and is available on the Vanguard website. Completed forms may be delivered to the teacher via email or may be hand delivered or mailed to the Vanguard’s main office 2650 South Decker Lake Lane, WVC, UT 84119.

This request may be made any time after final grades are posted through May 29, 2020. A “P” Pass grade will not affect a student’s GPA however, consider the following:

Currently, the NCAA calculates Ps as Ds as they relate to NCAA scholarships ([find updated NCAA reactions to COVID-19 here](#)). There are likely also other private scholarships that affect a small number of students that operate under similar circumstances.

- There are some professional applications (including the health professions) in some institutions that don’t award credit for entry to students earning a P in a particular course.
- Many awards (including valedictorian and salutatorian) at Utah Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs) can be affected by having Ps on a student’s transcript.
- The Utah System of Higher Education (USHE) administered scholarships (including both Regent’s and New Century) will be unaffected by P/I, nor will local scholarships administered by Utah IHEs.
- Federal financial aid guidelines are dependent on the pace of credit earning versus GPA and so will presumably be unaffected by P/I.

Students with an *INCOMPLETE* will have until October 15, 2020, to improve their 4th quarter grade to a Pass. Otherwise, the *INCOMPLETE* will change to an F.

Citizenship grades will **NOT** be given for the 4th Quarter.

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

Student #: _____ Grade (Circle): 9 10 11 12 Change is for School Year: _____

Course #: _____ Course Name: _____

Quarter (Circle): 1st 2nd 3rd 4th Please change: Old Grade: _____ New Grade: _____

List the reason for the change: _____

Student signature: _____

Students, please submit this form to the teacher of the course for which you are requesting a grade change.

Teacher Name (Print): _____ Date: _____

Teacher's Signature: _____

Teachers, please submit this form to the Student SIS Manager, Bonnie Tucker, in room 101.

Student Information System Processing

Rec'd by name: _____ Rec'd Date: _____

Signed: _____ Grade Change Date: _____

Comments: _____