



## **Pocono Mountain School District Junior High School Grading Frequently-Asked Questions**

### **1. Why are we using Pass/Fail course grades?**

We cannot assign letter grades meant to assess student performance on course content covered in a typical marking period or semester since students cannot be taught the full course content under the current online circumstances. Letter grades meant for a full semester course would be unjustified in comparison to a fully completed course. The solution is to describe student learning more broadly with a "Pass," while awarding full course credit.

Junior High school teachers may choose to grade each individual assignment with a grade during the 4th marking period for the purpose of providing feedback to students. Individual assignment grades must then be converted to a Pass/Fail for the 4<sup>th</sup> marking period and 2<sup>nd</sup> semester grades.

### **2. How will my courses be graded?**

Year-long courses and Cycle Courses: Your grades from marking period 1 & marking period 2 will be factored into your final grade. Your marking period 3 grades will receive a course grade of Pass/ Fail that takes into account the work you completed in your classes prior to the school closures that began on March 16, 2020.

You will receive a course grade of Pass/Fail at the conclusion of marking period 4. Your grades from marking period 3 & marking period 4 will not be factored into your final grade.

**3. How will honor roll be impacted by Pass/Fail?**

Honor roll will not be calculated for marking period 3 or 4.

**4. Will there be exams at the end of marking period 4?**

No, there will not be exams at the conclusion of marking period 4.

**5. I am enrolled in the PMSD Cyber Program, how will cyber course grades be calculated?**

You will receive a course grade of Pass/Fail. Your course grade will not be factored into your cumulative grade point average (GPA). Please contact Mrs. Wandalowski, Director, PMSD Cyber Program ([nwandalowski@pmsd.org](mailto:nwandalowski@pmsd.org)) with any questions.