



To: Calallen ISD Parents / Guardians

From: Dr. Arturo Almendarez, Superintendent

In response to the uncertain times caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, on Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, the Calallen ISD School Board approved a resolution that will make changes to school board policy EIC(Local). This specific policy governs academic achievement and class ranking. Calallen ISD administration recommended this change in an effort to create a system by where student progress and mastery can be measured while still not punishing students because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The district recognizes that at-home learning is not the same as in-class learning with our amazing staff. Under the new policy, all students in grades 1-12 will receive Pass or Incomplete grades rather than traditional grades for the fourth nine weeks of the 2019-2020 school year. Calallen ISD administration has created a set of [Remote Learning Grading Guidelines](#) that will outline how grades will be recorded and credit awarded for the fourth nine-weeks and second semester. In addition, the guidelines detail the impact the transition to Pass or Incomplete will have on promotion/retention, as well as current and future calculations of GPA and class rank. For students who receive an Incomplete for the Spring semester of 2020, a mandatory intensive summer program will be provided by the district to facilitate a student's promotion to the next grade level and/or award of credits.

As a district we have been challenged to create a system that supports students and families in this time of crisis. The district philosophy emphasizes student mastery, support, and success while maintaining academic integrity and an equitable system of measurement. The district will continue to track and document student progress, and communicate regularly with parents to identify students in need of additional support, as well as those not making progress on assigned tasks. The district staff is committed to supporting students in their successful completion of the 2019-2020 school year.

Thank you for your continued support and patience during this every changing situation. Please stay safe and healthy Calallen family.