

**SAN MATEO – FOSTER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 27/19-20
GRADING DURING EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURES**

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor of California declared a State of Emergency due to the outbreak and spread of a novel coronavirus (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the Governor of California issued an executive order directing all individuals living in the State of California to stay home or at their place of residence, with limited exception, until further notice; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020 the San Mateo-Foster City School District closed schools to protect students and staff against the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, due to safety concerns and the need for ongoing social distancing, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction stated it appears students will not return to school campuses before the end of the 2019-2020 school year; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to ensure the continuation of public education, to the greatest extent possible, while maintaining the health and safety of the students and staff; and

WHEREAS, the Board is committed to continued teaching and learning, including assessment and evaluation of work, through alternative means during this prolonged period of school closure; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the Superintendent have the tools to ensure the health, safety and well- being of students, staff and families on and off campuses, and to ensure the educational needs of all students are addressed through alternate locations or virtual learning environments;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that during this time of school closures, and until further notice:

1. Teachers shall continue to provide instruction, assignments and assessments using distance learning tools and resources.
2. The Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with school administrators and teachers to develop and regularly review guidelines for attendance during instruction and the assignment of homework through distance learning and alternative means.
3. Pursuant to Education Code 48205 and Board Policy 6154 - Homework/Makeup Work, students shall be given full credit for makeup work satisfactorily completed within a reasonable period of time and shall not be penalized for absences during school closures.
4. Students shall be held harmless for their spring 2020 grades and the transition to distance learning.
5. Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement shall be temporarily suspended during the period of school closure.
6. For grades 6-8, students shall receive a Pass/Insufficient Evidence grade for all courses for the period of distance learning from March 16, 2020 to June 17, 2020. Teachers may communicate

feedback on individual distance learning assignments as a way of providing additional information to students and families. The final Pass/Insufficient Evidence grade however will be based on participation in distance learning and determined according to guidance that requires schools to factor in technology barriers and family circumstances that may have impacted student participation.

7. For grades TK-5, students shall receive summary information on work completed with a narrative of the student's participation and performance during the period of distance learning from March 16, 2020 to June 17, 2020. Teachers may communicate feedback on individual distance learning assignments as a way of providing information to students and families.

8. The Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with school administrators and teachers to develop and communicate guidance for teachers, students, and families regarding these adjustments to district grading policy, to support consistency in grading and shared understanding.

Adopted this 7th day of the month of May in 2020.

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSENT: _____

ATTEST:

Secretary of the Board