

Ashe County High School Grade Options

The state has provided clarification regarding grading for 9th - 11th grade. It is imperative that parents and students read and understand these options. Teachers will contact each student/parent to report the grading option. Failure to respond could impact the student's GPA. This information is confusing, so please feel free to contact Amanda Hipp, Kathleen Gawsyszawski, or Brian Hampton at ACHS from 8 am – 3 pm if you have questions.

Each grade span has a different requirement/criterion. Middle schools, elementary schools, and 12th graders do not follow the same guidelines, so parents may have information that differs for children in those grade levels.

Option 1: Numeric Grade	Option 2: PC19 or WC19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report the numeric grade. This will be the highest grade representing either their learning as of March 13 or as improved through the semester as remote learning continued. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report PC19 (pass) or • Report WC19 (withdraw)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will receive course credit. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students opting for PC19 will receive course credit.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The numeric grade and quality points for each course will be used to calculate GPA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PC19 or WC19 will not impact GPA.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WC19 receives no course credit and will possibly require repeating the course depending on if it is a required course and/or number of credits needed to graduate.

Why would I choose Option 1: Numeric Grade?

- You wish for the March 13th grade to be reflected in GPA and as a part of class rank. For students who are currently in honors and AP courses, this may impact your GPA and class rank post COVID-19.
- You have worked to improve your grade during the 4th nine weeks to improve your March 13th average and would now have a higher average. This means we would report the higher average increasing your GPA and class rank – either the March 13th average OR the improved final average after the 4th nine weeks.

Why would I choose Option 2: PC19 or WC19?

- Option 2 will provide course credit if you were passing on March 13th. The grade will not be calculated in your GPA and you will not receive quality points for honors or AP courses. This is simply a pass or withdraw option. You may want to choose PC19 if you have low grade in the course. You will still receive credit for the course, but it will not impact GPA or class rank.

- A WC19 indicates a withdrawal from the course and no credit will be given. A WC19 will be given if you were failing a course on March 13th and did not work to improve the grade during this remote learning opportunity. This means you may be required to retake a course.

Please consider these options carefully. We will not make any changes after June 3rd when grades are finalized. We will not allow any changes to be made next fall or any point thereafter.

Teachers will be in touch with you for your grading option. Students, please be sure to be available to teachers, or feel free to contact your teachers with the option you choose.