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Monday, April 19 marked the beginning of Marking Period 4, and we want to make you aware of our end-of-the-year grading policy for students in grades 7-12. We know that this has been a difficult year for our students and their families and throughout this global pandemic, we have gone to great lengths to provide an academic program that meets the needs of our students while also allowing for a COVID-safe environment.

We believe it is important for us to communicate the numerous changes to our end-of-the-year grading policy and allow for the necessary time for our students and their families to be prepared and understand the options and expectations outlined in the grading policy listed below.

In order for a student to earn course credit for the 2020-2021 school year, students will receive a final grade for the course/subject based upon one of the options listed below:

Two Pathways to Earn Course Credit	
Option 1: Cumulative Average	Option 2: Regents Exam
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pass with a 65% final course average based on 4 quarter grades plus the local final assessment counting as 20% each. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If the student earns a passing (65% or higher) final course grade, then they are exempt from the Regents Examination. If the student is not passing (64% or below final course grade average) and they earn a 65% or higher on a Regents Exam being administered for a Regents level course, they will earn course credit.

***Concurrent enrollment classes with colleges/universities (NCCC, NU offerings) and Advance Placement Courses (AP Courses) may not be applicable in the above options.

Three Options For Students who Fail to Earn Course Credit		
Option 1: O/N BOCES Summer School	Option 2: NTCSD APEX Summer School	Option 3: 2021-2022 APEX Credit Recovery
The NTMS/NTHS student will attend the O/N BOCES Summer School Program located at Niagara Falls High School.	Participate in our District's APEX Summer School Program being offered to grade 7-12 students.	The NTHS student will be scheduled for the credit recovery program next school year, being offered by the high school.

Local Final Exams/Local Final Project -

Students who earn course credit are exempt from taking and/or passing the Regents exams in order to meet diploma requirements. Local final exams, local final assessments, and local final projects will be administered to all students, hybrid and remote, in all classes.

Regents Exams -

- Students who earn course credit are exempt from passing the regents exams in order to meet diploma requirements. Only the following 4 exams will be administered in June 2021: Algebra I, English Language Arts, Living Environment, and Earth Science (written test only). The exemption applies to these exams – if the student earns course credit with a final course grade of 65 or higher they do not have to take the exam and will earn an exemption for the diploma requirement. If the student is not passing (64% or below 4 marking period average) and they earn a 65% or higher on a Regents Exam being administered for a Regents level course, they will earn course credit.

*Regents exams at the high school and middle school start at 8:15am

June 17 th	June 18 th	June 21 st	June 22 nd	June 23 rd	June 24 th
English Language Arts*	Juneteenth Holiday Observed		Living Environment*	Algebra I*	Earth Science* (Written Test Only)

Last Student Day –

The last student day of attendance for NTHS students is June 16th and June 21st for NTMS. NTHS students will be expected to attend their scheduled classes through the 16th, and NTMS will attend up to and including June 21st. During the exam days (June 17th – June 24th) some students may be called in to complete missing assignments prior to the end of the school year.

Thank you for your continued partnership. The best way to support your child(ren) is having them establish consistent communication with teachers and other support staff. Our faculty is available to address all concerns and meet your students' academic needs.

Please contact the High School Main Office at (716) 807-3600 or Middle School Main Office at (716) 807-3700 with any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your ongoing support during this difficult school year.

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