

Thomaston-Upson Schools
2019-20 End of Year Information for TU Stakeholders
GRADES PK-8



The COVID-19 pandemic has significantly impacted the lives of everyone in our community and the nation at-large. During these unprecedented times, we have been in constant communication with students, parents, and teachers to meet the needs of everyone who contributes to making Upson-Lee Pre-K, Upson-Lee Primary, Upson-Lee Elementary, and Upson-Lee Middle School a remarkable school community.

We understand grading can be complicated. As you review the appropriate section below that applies to your child(ren), we ask that you please first contact your child's teacher(s) if you have specific questions. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we continue to meet the needs of our students and families during these turbulent times. Please stay healthy, stay safe, and continue to take special care of those closest to you.

EXPECTATIONS OF TEACHERS

- Teachers will contribute to the instructional needs of students through various educational opportunities (i.e. Google classrooms, enrichment/remediation activities, etc.).
- Teachers will provide feedback through google classroom, emails, texts, Remind, etc.
- Teachers will be available for virtual "office hours" each day from 9-10 AM.

EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

- Students will have the opportunity to improve their final grade via distance learning until May 1, 2020. Grades will be finalized and posted in Infinite Campus by May 22, 2020.
- Teachers will contact parents and students to provide the opportunity for students to complete missing assignments or replace specific failing assignments to benefit their overall grade.
- May 1st through May 20th will be designated time for make-up work and/or missing assignments for students at risk of failing.
- No zeros can be posted for work assigned during the school closure effective March 13 through May 1, 2020.

STUDENT GRADES IN INFINITE CAMPUS

- Students will continue to complete assignments via distance learning until May 1, 2020.
- No student grades will be negatively impacted as a result of COVID-19 school closure. Distance learning grades will only serve to improve students' overall final grades. No students' grades at the end of the 2nd semester will be lower than the grades

students had on March 13, 2020, after completion of the 3rd nine weeks of school. Assignments will only have a positive impact on a students' grades.

- Grades will be finalized and posted in Infinite Campus by May 22, 2020.
- Teachers will determine the average of the first three nine weeks for each student.
- Due to the length of the school closures, traditional midterm progress reports will not be given.
- Students and parents can still check grades in Infinite Campus. There will be no grades given for the 4th 9 weeks. All grades will show under the 3rd 9 weeks.
- As students and families have specific questions about assignments and grades, please contact your child's teacher.

GEORGIA MILESTONES

- End of Grade (EOG) exams will not be administered in Spring 2020 for grades 3-8.
 - Georgia Milestone End of Course (EOC) will not be administered this spring for 8th grade students taking a course for high school credit. The student's final average will not include the 20% category weight for EOCs in a student's class average. The student's final grade in the course will reflect their grade prior to March 13, 2020, and the digital learning period.
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