

Good afternoon,

Yesterday, I sent information to the community that student work would not be graded while we are closed. I did this to alleviate stress and worry for students and parents, but it seems to have spurred more questions. Below is some clarifying guidance for students.

Based on guidance from the Virginia Department of Education, we will not be grading activities completed during the school closure. This means students will not receive letter or numerical grades for these assignments. **Teachers can give credit to students for completing assignments and can give feedback to students on their work.** However, students will not be penalized for not being able to complete assignments. Monitoring student growth and progress will allow us to provide appropriate instruction to our students upon their return.

Here are the guidelines for Elementary and Secondary Students

Elementary Students - The division packets provided have enough activities for three weeks, which will take students through the end of spring break. If teachers have provided supplemental work, it may be completed after the division-level packet. The materials may not exceed two-three hours per day. At this time, no further instructional materials need to be generated at the school or division level for students through April 13.

Secondary Students - Teachers have provided materials for two to three weeks for students via Schoology. The materials may not exceed 3 hours per week for a single course. Due dates that exist in Schoology are guidelines to help students manage their schedule and workload. They are not intended to be hard deadlines. At this time, no further instructional materials need to be generated at the school or division level for students through April 13. If additional materials are being created, we will identify how to distribute to students without internet access.

Students taking Dual Enrollment Courses

The only exceptions to students not receiving letter or numerical grades for their work are for students taking Dual Enrollment Classes. Since these classes are administered by colleges or universities, we have to follow their guidance during the school closure. This will insure that students enrolled in these classes receive college credits. We are still seeking guidance from our higher education partners, but will be communicating through Powhatan High School Dual Enrollment teachers on this topic.