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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our new school-wide grading policy for the 2019-2020 school year has been re-designed in collaboration with the School Leadership Team, PTA, as well as feedback from students and parents last year. The resounding concern was centered around assessments, not allowing for all students to demonstrate their knowledge of the standards being taught. We also heard from many of you concerned with overlapping assessments and the stress it was causing to your children. In an effort to respond to your concerns, the *new* grading policy and assessment schedule has been developed to reflect **multiple measures of mastery** to meet the needs of our diverse student population's academic levels and social emotional well-being. Additionally, our new homework policy calls for students to practice college and career readiness, by pacing themselves and balancing their schoolwork during the week, as it relates to your family lifestyle and schedule. The focus on homework is quality, rather than quantity, and we expect that our students will have ample time to submit their homework by Friday. Teachers will spend the first 15 minutes of class on Friday reviewing the homework. Formative assessment checks during the week will inform teachers on how the students are grasping the content on a daily basis. We are confident that this new grading policy will provide opportunities for all students to be successful.

70%-Assessments	<i>Determined by subject; May include but are not limited to the following: tests performance tasks, Socratic Seminars, oral presentations, performances, projects, labs, writing pieces, etc.</i>
20%-Classwork	Preparedness, punctuality, participation, production of a finished work product, formative assessments (success criteria, peer/self-assessment), notebook reviews, etc.
10%-Homework	Homework is assigned on Monday and due on Friday. Late homework is not accepted.

Departments will adhere to the below assessment schedule. For this purpose, assessments are defined as: a full period written test that requires studying and/or advance preparation.

Monday: Math

Tuesday: ELA

Wednesday: Social Studies

Thursday: Science

Friday: NO ASSESSMENTS WILL BE GIVEN ON FRIDAYS.

Sincerely,

Jessica Jackson

Principal