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Parents/Guardians of HMS students,

We hope this letter finds all of our families in good health during the ongoing Covid-19 crisis. As we move forward with grading, please be sure to communicate with teachers, guidance counselors, and administration as needed, and encourage your HMS student(s) to as well. We believe the plan below, although not perfect, is best for our school and students, consistent with district expectations, and complements how grading will occur at Hamburg HS.

3rd Quarter Averages

The 3rd Marking Period will retroactively close on Thursday, March 12, 2020. All students will have until May 1, 2020 to submit missing assignments or school work for full credit. Parent Portal will be accessible, and students are encouraged to check for any missing assignments during that time. Teachers will contact students and inform them of the missing assignments as well. If the assignment is not easily replicated through remote learning, teachers will either provide an alternative assignment or exempt the student from the assignment. 3rd marking period report cards will be viewable on the portal on May 12th.

4th Quarter Averages

New learning, with graded assignments, begins this week. All classes will have assignments during this time. Those assignments will be graded based on a Satisfactory/Incomplete system. All assignments will be posted in Parent Portal. Teachers will provide consistent feedback during this time, especially in regards to moving a grade from Incomplete to Satisfactory.

For 40 week (all year) courses, fourth quarter averages will be calculated in the following manner: A student's Q1, Q2, and Q3 grades will be averaged. That score will be the starting point for the fourth quarter. The 4th quarter average can only go up from there. Completing the new assignments, based on a satisfactory grade, will add as much as 10 points to a student's 4th quarter average.

20 week course averages will be calculated by adding Q3 and Q4 then dividing by 2. The Q4 average will start off no lower than the Q3 average. Points can be earned based on the same system mentioned above.

10 week course grades in the 4th quarter will be either Satisfactory or Incomplete. This applies only to certain 6th grade courses. As long as students complete their assignments during this time to a satisfactory level, they will earn an "S" on their 4th quarter report card.

Regents Examinations, World Languages Checkpoint A, and Studio Art

Regents examinations for June 2020 have been cancelled. Students enrolled in courses that normally end in a Regents exam (HMS students taking Algebra and/or Biology) will be exempted from the exam, yet still have the opportunity to earn Regents credit. In order to earn that credit, the student must pass the course. Students exempted from Regents exams can still meet the criteria for an Advanced Designation Diploma and/or mastery/honors endorsements.

In addition, the Checkpoint A exam (often called the Proficiency Exam) has been cancelled for our HMS students enrolled in French I, Latin I, and Spanish I. By passing the course (based on their 4 quarterly averages), students will earn their HS credit.

Students enrolled in Studio Art, another HS credit bearing class, will earn credit through their work over the first three quarters and their efforts on the assignments during the new learning period which begins this week.

Final Average Calculations

40 week course: Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 Final 76 75 80 87 80 - with rounding	20 week course: Q3 Q4 Final 80 90 85	10 week course (4 th quarter only): Students will earn an S or an I on each assignment
Q1, Q2, Q3 average is a 77. If you complete all the new assignments, your Q4 average will be recorded as an 87. You will have earned a final average of 80.	Q3 is an 80. Q4 starts off at an 80. If you complete all the new assignments, your Q4 average will be recorded as a 90. You will have earned a final average of 85.	Final report grade will either be an S or an I. Teachers will be in communication with student as to how to move from an Incomplete to Satisfactory grade.

If a student's Final Average in a subject (other than 10 week courses in 4th quarter) is below passing, the student will receive a *65%. In the event that school resumes prior to the end of the year, the decision to provide a *65% will be re-evaluated.

We encourage parents and students to consult the Parent Portal regularly. Communication with teachers, counselors, and administrators is welcomed. Thank you for your patience and flexibility during this unprecedented time. We continue to wish you and your families the best in health, and hope to see you as soon as it is safely possible.

Sincerely,

Thomas Adams
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