

**RESOLUTION OF THE
ALBANY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

One-Time Modification of District Policies and Procedures on Grading and Related Issues

WHEREAS, due to the outbreak of COVID-19, the normal operations of the District closed on, April 6, 2020, and Governor Greg Abbott has ordered all schools remain closed through at least May 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, because the District is and will be unable to resume normal campus-based instruction for an extended period of time, and administering the current policies and guidelines for student grading will be impossible, impractical, or unsafe, the temporary suspension of or modification to certain policies and guidelines related to student grading will ensure fairness in the process for all students; and

WHEREAS, Board Policy EIC(LOCAL) currently states that the District shall include in the calculation of class rank only semester grades earned for high school credit in the following subjects: English, mathematics, science, social studies, and languages other than English,

For the purpose of determining honors to be conferred during graduation activities, the District shall calculate class rank at the end of the fifth six-week grading period of the senior year. The average of the fourth and fifth six-week grades shall be used as the semester grade for this purpose.

WHEREAS, Board Policy EIA(LOCAL) currently provides guidelines for student grading, the role of student assignments to ensure mastery of course objectives, as well as progress reports to parents at least twice every six weeks; and

WHEREAS, each of these one-time modifications of Board policies and grading procedures are intended to ensure fairness to all students in light of the current unprecedented circumstances; and

Now therefore be it resolved by the Board that:

1. The Board determines that a temporary modification of Board Policy EIC(LOCAL) shall be implemented to allow calculation of grade point averages for Class Rank. **Juniors and below taking high school credit classes** will not have a second semester average that accounts for GPA for the 2020 Spring semester – GPA calculations will be based on GPA at the end of the Fall semester, May 20, 2020.

Senior students' second semester GPA for the 2020 Spring semester will be calculated by taking the average of the 1st semester average plus the 4th Six Weeks average to equal the 2nd Semester average.

2. The Board determines that any requirement that students be issued numerical grades, that teachers provide a specific number of assignments, or that the District issue regular

progress reports shall be amended until the District re-opens and resumes normal instruction;

3. The Board determines that based on a student's overall performance and engagement during normal instruction as well as virtual instruction, teachers will determine whether a student has "Mastered/Pass" or "Not Mastered/Fail" the course objectives at semester's end, which information will assist grade placement committees in making decisions regarding student retention, promotion, and the awarding of credit; and
5. The Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent to take any other actions as necessary to fulfill the purpose of this Resolution and ensure fairness in grading for all students during the District campus-based education closure, including suspension of other grading procedures, regulations, rules or practices.

Adopted by the vote of the majority of members of the Board of Trustees of the Albany ISD present and voting at an open meeting of the Board on the 6 day of April, 2020, at which a quorum was present:

BY: _____
_____, Board President

BY: _____
_____, Board Secretary