



HAYWOOD EARLY COLLEGE

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First of all, you are missed in a big way - our daily interactions, your humor and presence! Who would have thought we would not be in school again when we left on March 13th? How quickly life can change! I continue to be so proud of our school community. The tenacity and perseverance, the love and kindness, the adaptability and engagement with your classmates and teachers have shown your character through a tough and unexpected situation.

This is also a time of unprecedented hope. Continue to hold your head up because we will get through this and will return to HEC as better people. We now realize our most coveted priorities. Our perspective on relationships has been renewed. We appreciate each other and our normal daily routine more than ever before. As we return, camaraderie and energy will instantly return to our campus in an extraordinary way as you fill the classrooms and hallways.

Thank you to the Class of 2020! You have exceeded our expectations in every way and have helped establish our culture that will live on here even after you are gone. You have much to be proud of! We are enjoying tweeting your college announcements and look forward to celebrating with you in person on graduation day August 7th.

Grading procedures for spring semester are attached. Please read through your options and begin having conversations with your family. Your high school teacher will be reaching out to you individually to speak with you and your parents regarding your options. These phone conferences will take place the last two weeks of school. Please contact Mrs. Lawing by May 8th if you are in jeopardy of not earning credit in a college course.

We will have online sessions through Google Meet on Monday, May 4th, at 7:00pm and Wednesday, May 6th, at 7:00 p.m. to answer any questions. You will be receiving an invite from Dr. Allen. Please utilize these opportunities.

As always, please let us know if we can help you in any way. I look forward to seeing you soon! GO PACK!

Lori Fox, Principal



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INFORMATION ABOUT SPRING 2020 FINAL GRADES FOR HEC AND HCC Students NOT Graduating (Grades 9-12)

HIGH SCHOOL

- Fall 2019: Students will receive the numeric grades earned, and they will be calculated in GPAs.
- Spring 2020: Students will be given a choice for how each final course grade (high school and college) will appear on the high school transcript.
 - ◆ **Option #1: Numeric Grade**
This will be the highest grade representing learning as of March 13 *OR* as improved through the semester, and it will be calculated in the GPA.
 - ◆ **Option #2: PC19 Grade**
A final grade of PC19 awards full credit for a course but is not calculated in the student's GPA.
 - ◆ **Option #3: WC19 Grade**
A final grade of WC19 does not award credit for a course and is not calculated in the student's GPA. Schools will use WC19 for any student who was not passing as of March 13 and was unable to improve through remote learning opportunities. WC19 does not equate to failing a course but indicates a lack of evidence of mastery of standards addressed in the particular course and that the school is unable to award a unit of credit.

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- Fall 2019: Students will receive the numeric grades earned, and they will be calculated in GPAs.
- Spring 2020: College grades will appear on the college transcript as earned in May. College GPA will calculate.
- Many college courses serve as prerequisites for sequential courses required for the high school diploma and associate degree requirements, so completion is important.
- Students (w/parental permission) who are failing a college course, may choose to withdraw and take a WE (withdraw emergency) on the college transcript and a WC19 on the high school transcript. Mrs. Lawing will contact those who are making a F after acquiring more information from college instructors. **This decision must be made prior to May 8th by contacting Mrs. Lawing.**
- Students who are earning a D or higher at this point in the semester are encouraged to stay in the course for two reasons:
 - ◆ A final grade of a 60/D allows the student to earn high school credit and progress to the next course. No college credit is earned.
 - ◆ A final grade of a 70/C or higher allows the student to earn college credit toward his/her associate degree and earn the prerequisites needed for the next course.
- Students do have the option to choose their numeric grade from March 13th for their HIGH SCHOOL transcript, but students will still earn their final grade or W on their college transcript. If you are going to choose your March 13th grade for your high school transcript, you must contact Mrs. Lawing.
- COLLEGE GRADE DECISIONS MUST BE MADE BY 5.8.20.

Student-Parent Phone Conferences for High School Classes

During the last two weeks of school, each high school teacher will call home regarding her/his class and must speak with the student and a parent/guardian to document the preferred grade to be entered. Dr. Allen will call regarding NCVPS, and Mrs. Fox will be reviewing decisions and providing any follow up. These calls are for decisions. In the meantime, please contact Mrs. Fox/ Dr. Allen (high school) and Mrs. Lawing (college) with questions. As a reminder, when you apply to college, you submit your high school and college transcripts; make intentional choices because you may be asked to provide an explanation of your grades.

Class of 2020

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- Spring 2020: Graduating Seniors will receive a Pass "PC19 or Withdrawal "WC19" based on learning as of March 13th. If the student has an F as of March 13th, schools shall provide remote learning opportunities for the student to improve to a passing grade.

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Graduation is tentatively scheduled for Friday, August 7th.

— Lori Fox, Principal —