



# LOS ALTOS CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

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## Answers Related to Grades

We recognize the stress and anxiety that the school closure has caused for many of our students, their parents and our staff and faculty. Distance-learning is not the ideal model of education for our school, but the LACS Administration and Staff are working diligently during this challenging time to provide our students with the best possible educational opportunities for the remainder of the academic school year.

As a school we strive to provide proficient support to all students. We realize that the question of how students' work will be graded is on many people's minds. The administration has consulted with many other professionals in the field, and has researched several different options for grading. We are also considering the unique needs of our student population.

Below are the answers to some of your "grades" related questions.

### **Q. Will my child be promoted to the next grade level?**

During this challenging and stressful time, it is important to act in the best interest of the children. All students will be promoted to the next grade level. Teachers will provide adequate review during the start of the 2020-2021 academic year to review key Math and Language Arts/English concepts. Please keep in mind that many concepts taught in Math, Language Arts/English, Bible, and Science are cyclical in the curriculum.

### **Q. How will high school transcripts be impacted by the "grades" given during Quarter 4?**

Colleges, the NCAA and other higher education institutions have already announced that they will make adjustments and allowances because of the global upheaval caused by the school closures. Please email Mrs. Hibbert ([Lizette.Hibbert@lacs.com](mailto:Lizette.Hibbert@lacs.com)) directly should you require more information regarding this issue.

### **Q. Will my 8<sup>th</sup> grader be at a disadvantage for being accepted into High School?**

We have been assured by local and out of the area schools that, this unprecedented time will in no way jeopardize the high school admissions process. Schools are continuing to process applications and schedule family interviews via Zoom. High Schools are relying on report cards

(Q1-Q3) and references, as well as any standardized testing the student may have taken previously, to determine academic fit. The same is true for the LACS high school.

### **Q. What if my child is not turning in all of the assigned work?**

All students will continue to receive credit for participation.

#### Elementary: General Education and LAD

1. Students who are turning in work and are attending classes are still receiving feedback and grades.
2. Students who complete at **least 50%** of assignments will receive a letter grade on their report cards.
3. Students who are **NOT** turning in assignments are currently receiving an “E” for excused in RenWeb. This grading policy will be followed for the remainder of this academic year.
4. Students who complete less than **50%** of assignments in a subject area, will receive a “P” for pass for that subject on their report card. A notation will be made on the end-of-year report card that a “P” was given due to school closure.
5. A parent can request a "pass" for any subject for a student instead of a letter grade for any reason.

#### Middle and High school:

1. If students have completed at least 50% of the assignments in Quarter 4, their Quarter 4 grade will be calculated as normal.
2. If students have not completed at least 50% of the assignments, an average of Semester 1 and Quarter 3 grades will be calculated and given as the Quarter 4 grade.
3. Students who have completed at least 50% of the assignments in Quarter 4, but would earn a higher grade by choosing option 2, may do so.
4. Assignments that do not get turned in, will still be marked as “E”, and will NOT have an impact on the student’s final grades.

#### Co-Curricular Grades:

1. Students who do attend the co-curricular classes and complete at least 50% of the assigned work will receive a “P” for pass on their report cards.
2. All other students will receive an “E” for excused for the 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester.

#### Middle and High School Electives:

For Friday electives, students will receive either a “P” for pass if they have attended the 50% or more of the class sessions offered or an “E” if they have not."

\*\*\*The school will revisit this policy, if further school closures are ordered by the county or governor during the 2020-2021 school year.

Please email your prayer requests to Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Hibbert at the following email address. These requests will be held in confidence, and be prayed over regularly. Please use the following email address to submit your prayer requests: [prayer@lacscloud.com](mailto:prayer@lacscloud.com)

Sincerely,

Cathy Robinson and Lizette Hibbert