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Dear Warren Hills Regional School District Community,

On September 24, 2019, the Warren Hills Regional Board of Education approved a change to BOE Policy # 2624 Grading System. The changes to this policy take effect immediately, and what follows is what you need to know about the new version.

The goal of the revised policy is to challenge students and prepare them for their future. The first change is the implementation of a Common Cumulative Assessment (CCA), which will be 10% of a student’s final grade. The CCA allows the faculty to gauge the students' understanding of essential skills and standards in our programs, and it also prepares students for taking cumulative assessments in college or training programs. The CCA's design will ensure students have the ability to demonstrate content knowledge and skills taught in each course, and that they are receiving consistent and useful feedback from their teachers throughout the process. The CCA is not a one-day assessment, rather it is a process that is monitored over a period of time. Examples include, but are not limited to, long-term projects, research papers, and research presentations. NOTE: Students taking an AP assessment will be exempted from the CCA.

The second change is the way students’ final grades will be calculated. For a full year course, each marking period will account for 22.5% of the final grade and the CCA will be 10%. The minimum grade for marking periods 1, 2, or 3 is 55%; however, there is no minimum grade for the 4th marking period or the CCA.

For a semester course, each marking period will be 45% of the final grade, with the CCA accounting for 10%. For the first marking period of a semester course, the minimum will be a 55%, but there is no minimum grade for the 2nd marking period or the CCA.

It is important to note that students are not guaranteed the minimum grade for marking periods 1, 2, or 3. If grades below 55 are due to lack of effort/lack of work, students will be given the opportunity to earn the minimum grade of 55 by completing a plan developed at the end of the marking period. Students will only be given one opportunity, per course, to improve grades below 55 due to a lack of effort.

For more information on the updated grading policy, please visit www.warrenhills.org/parentU.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Kavcak, kavcake@warrenhills.org, or Mr. Remondelli remondellin@warrenhills.org. We are committed to supporting our students and challenging them to reach new levels of success while preparing them for life beyond Warren Hills.