



Great Meadows Middle School

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Dear GMMS Parents/Guardians,

I hope you and your family are well. Due to the closing of schools while dealing with the Corona Virus, the middle school has revised its grading format to a Pass (P)/Fail (F) system. Although you will still see a numerical grade for each individual assignment, the overall grade will be converted to a P or F at the end of the final marking period/trimester.

Assignments will be graded utilizing numeric grades and will be input into Realtime as such throughout the marking period. The following will also be put into place to assist in students achieving a passing grade:

- **Late work:** It is extremely important for students to stay current and not fall behind. However, because there are a variety of situations that may arise, students will have the opportunity to make up missed work for two weeks past the original due date. After the grace period, it will be marked as incomplete in Realtime.
- **Retake option:** Any and all assignments that have been completed in which a student receives a grade less than a 60, the student will have the opportunity to retake and resubmit one time to achieve a passing grade of a 60 within the two week grace period.
- **Grade Scale:** The new grading scale will be as follows: 0-59 = F, 60-100= P

-At the end of the marking period, a final grade will be denoted as a Pass or Fail on the report cards. Any grade over a 60 will be considered "Passing" while any grade below a 60 will be "Failing".

-The grading system for the fourth marking period does not supersede any accommodation in a student's IEP and/or 504 Plan; extended time or retake options such as an 80% or below for example.

For 8th grade students moving into the high school, class placement will be determined by teacher recommendation combined with their final grade. For more information about the high schools modifications to their grade system and placement for incoming 9th grade students (class of 2020), please visit the Hackettstown high school website at <https://hhs.hackettstown.org/>.

Thank you again for all your patience, understanding and resilience as we weather this storm together. Take care, be well and have the best spring break possible.

Sincerely,

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