



Senior Parent Coffee



April 22, 2020

Agenda

Grading

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Grading - 3rd Quarter

- Allow students time to turn in missing assignments
- Reassessments should be allowed if students were unable to complete them prior to March 13.
- Quarter 3 - Ends May 1

Grading 4th Quarter

- Grade will be a "No Mark"
- Assignments provided during distance learning will not be graded in a traditional way (Proficient, Attempted, Not Attempted)
- If a student earns all proficient - a positive influence on the final grade is expected.
- Teams need to be in alignment on other cases that would warrant a positive influence.
- If work is collected during distance learning assignments before April 24 they should be housed in 4th quarter

Final Grade Calculation

Final Grade will be the highest of the following:

- 1) Average of Quarters 1, 2, 3
- 2) Average of Quarters 1, 2, 3 with 1 grade distribution increase (Ex: B+ → A-)
- 3) 1st Semester Grade
- Teachers can and should consider quality points per FCPS Grading and Reporting
- Teachers must consider Quality Points when students are failing and provide the higher grade

Attendance

- Only for Tuesday/Thursday synchronous sessions
- Teachers will create one google form that students sign into each week
- This is crucial so parents are aware of student attendance and so that we can support and help engage students.
- AP, Counselor, Support staff will contact students who are not attending synchronously
- **Last day of school for Seniors is May 29**

AP Testing/College Board Questions and Answers

Question: How do I cancel a scheduled AP exam?

Answer: No action is necessary to cancel an AP exam. If a student does not take the exam it is automatically cancelled. Contact your school's AP testing coordinator (Sara Wheeler, sewheeler@fcps.edu) to request a refund *beginning June 8, 2020, after all AP exams have been administered*. For additional AP Frequently Asked Questions, please see McLean's website:

<https://mcleanhs.fcps.edu/academics/testing/ap-testing-information>

Question: What prep will be provided for the AP exams?

Answer: FCPS students are encouraged to use resources on the [FCPS 24-7 Blackboard](#) page and on the [College Board's YouTube channel](#) to review. The College Board provided AP students with additional practice free-response questions (FRQs), available to all registered AP students, including students in exam-only sections. AP teachers are providing opportunities for students to review for the AP exam, using both synchronous and asynchronous instructional approaches. In addition to teacher-created resources, teachers are able to make all Personal Progress Checks available on MyAP and set those to allow students to check their own progress. Also, teachers are able to assign practice timed FRQs, Topic Questions and Test Bank questions to cover material they want students to review to complement the College Board resources. For course-specific information, please see the College Board's website:

<https://apcoronavirusupdates.collegeboard.org/educators/taking-the-exams/ap-exam-schedule>

Graduation

Question: When will you have to make a decision by in order to possibly hold a graduation ceremony for seniors, even if it is later in the summer?

Answer: We are waiting to hear from the Governor as to when the restrictions will be lifted. We want to be sure we are allowed to come together as a community or the rules we need to follow. My hope is by mid-May for a final decision.

Question: Is any alternate or virtual graduation being considered?

Answer: Yes, FCPS is working with vendors now on how to create a virtual recognition.

Question: How/when can seniors request final transcripts be sent to their college?

Answer: We will be conducting a Senior Survey in late April/early May. One of the questions on the survey asks what university the final transcript needs to be sent to. No other request needs to be completed.

Question: How do seniors report the colleges at which were enrolled/accepted/denied to feed future Naviance analytics?

Answer: The Senior Survey referred to above gathers this information as well. That data is pulled from the survey and is fed into Naviance to assist future students.

Question: Will students taking dual enrollment classes (i.e., entrepreneurship) still get college credit for the class?

Answer: Yes. Students may still have some work to do this year to complete the objectives of the course, but they will still get college credit as long as they pass the course.

Question: Will my student still be able to get his cap and gown?

Answer: Yes. We still don't have a timeline for this, but one way or another seniors will receive their caps and gowns.

Question: Where and when do students return books and computers?

Answer: We are waiting to hear from FCPS on how and when this will occur.

Question: Will we get a refund for the 140 dollar senior fees we paid for?

Answer: Once, we assess how much money will be used of this \$140, we will refund families who have paid. Seniors will need to pay for the following:

- Caps and gowns
- Diplomas and covers
- Senior t-shirt
- Panoramic
- Graduation (we will need to see how much is being spent if we are able to hold)

Question: How will Yearbooks be distributed?

Answer: Ms. Percival and her team have been working hard on the yearbook. It has been sent to print. Once we get the yearbooks, we will be able to put together a timeline when we pass out the books. The hope is to have a signing party

Question: Will there be a day for students to come into the building to grab what they have left behind?

Answer: Yes, we are waiting to hear from FCPS when and how this will occur.

Question: It seems students will have a hard time completing service hours under these conditions. Are they still required?

Answer: No they are not required for seniors. We notified all members through google classroom that they would be waived for seniors.

Question: I ordered a graduation sign several weeks back. How do we confirm you have the order and will we receive the sign soon as we'd love to display it in our yard now?

Answer: The first round of the signs were delivered over the weekend. The second round of orders are expected by May 1st. Please feel free to contact ANGP@mcleanptsa.org

Question: Can he get a quarter refund on his parking fee (\$50)?

Answer: Yes. If you paid the full amount you will receive \$50. A check will be sent to your house from FCPS. They are currently working on this process, and it will take some time.

Question: What is the status of refunds for fees paid for various activities that are not going to happen due to the pandemic?

Answer:

- Teachers, sponsors, and supervising administrators have been working with vendors and travel companies.
- Refunds for field trips are issued **only if** the vendor/travel company is providing refunds.
- Travel companies and vendors may just issue a credit to the student's name on the reservation for a postponed field trip.
- We will issue a refund for a field trip once the vendor or travel company returns the money to McLeanHigh School.
- These will typically be issued through the credit card on file in MySchoolBucks.

Question: Will the ANGP fees be refunded?

Answer: You should have received an email by now, letting you know the event is canceled and that tickets will be refunded. Also, for donations, the email asks you to specify if you would like it returned or if the donation should remain with ANGP to offset any costs incurred with the planning of this year's event.

Question: Will senior awards still be given?

Answer: Yes, we are still in the organizing process but we plan on creating a video to share with the family and the student's family. Details will be coming.

Question: Is there any chance we can still get cap and gown photos done?

Answer: This is an outside company. Ms. Percival will be working with the company and finding a location to take the photos. We will be in touch with details.

Question: Can we organize a drive by parade/graduation of sorts? We could divide the Mclean boundaries into zones and create a driving route for each neighborhood. Parents/students could drive the route in their cars and let well-wishers cheer for them. I am happy to help organize the effort if it would be allowable. It could be held on graduation day June 1 at 2:30 to help lift spirits.

Response: Parents/students are welcome to organize one for your neighborhood. There are no plans for the PTSA to sponsor a single event given McLean HS families are so spread apart geographically (e.g. McLean, Falls Church, Tysons, Vienna)

Emotional Support

Please reach out to your child's school counselor, our school psychologists, or our school social worker if you have concerns about your child's mental health or well-being.

Ways to request a consultation with a school psychologist or social worker:

- Email (parent or student)
- Complete this [Google Form](#) (student)

MHS Mental Health Supports and Resources (Google Classroom Code: poixzzq)

Helpful Article for the Class of 2020 ["The Year Without Graduation"](#)



Thank you!

Class of 2020

