

Grading - School Closure/ Dismissal



In the event that a school closure or dismissal is needed per state or local requirements, we will remain committed to providing a quality education for your children. The grading practice for George Washington Academy will follow the no harm approach directed by the state and will be as follows:

In the event a school closure or dismissal happens at the beginning of a trimester students throughout the extent of the closure or dismissal will be awarded A, B or C grades for their adequate and legitimate effort. Grades D and F will not be permitted in a closure or dismissal.

In the event that the school closure or dismissal occurred during the middle of a trimester, the grade that the student acquired before the closure or dismissal will be the foundation of the student's grade during the closure or dismissal period only to increase but never to decrease. At the time of grading the teacher and grade level teams will determine what are adequate and legitimate efforts made on the part of the student for the grade to increase.

An adequate and legitimate effort does not mean every assignment is turned in or that every assignment is considered proficient. An adequate and legitimate effort means students are putting forth reasonable effort, communicating with their teacher(s), and participating in the majority of coursework, as well as other determinates made by the teacher or grade level teams. Students will have until the end of the Trimester to complete all assignments for full credit.

By following this procedure, we are saying that a child's grade can only increase during a school closure/dismissal or remain the same, but it will not decrease. We feel like this no harm approach during a time where a school closure or dismissal is permitted is what is best for the students at GWA.