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A Parent/Student Guide on Grading, Attendance, Counseling & More

Below you will find the most current information provided by NHPS on the grading and attendance practices being implemented across the district. Additionally, this document includes information on supports being provided by School Counselors, the supports for students with disabilities and the School Choice placement process. Updated information will be provided as soon as possible, as the Superintendent is in constant communication with the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE), which is providing guidance to all school districts within the state.

Grading

1. How are we addressing 3rd Quarter Grades?

- a. Quarter 3 Grading:** The 3rd quarter grading policy is designed to ensure students have an equitable opportunity to engage in learning and remain on-track toward graduation. Quarter 3 grades will be put into PowerSchool by teachers on **April 10, 2020**.
- b. Grades will be A, B, C, or I (incomplete).** Students will have the opportunity to turn in missing assignments, retake tests and quizzes, or take other steps to boost their grades. We want to ensure students stay engaged for the remainder of the year and have the opportunity to end the year with a passing grade and course credit.
- c. No Ds & Fs will be given this time.** Teachers will submit an incomplete (I) for any student who currently has a D or an F.
- d. All students will have until May 1, 2020 to turn in any outstanding work from Quarter 3 to their teacher(s) via Google Classroom or email.**

2. What are we doing for students who submitted work after March 12, 2020?

- a. Packets and extended learning activities work completed March 12, 2020 - March 27, 2020 will count as extra credit for grade enhancement only.**
- b. Any make up work for Quarter 3 will be accepted and graded.** Teachers will grade the outstanding work and finalize grades for Quarter 3 on **May 8, 2020**.

3. What are we doing for Quarter 4 and final grades?

- a. We launched our distance learning program on March 30, 2020 and we are awaiting supporting guidance from the Connecticut State Department of Education. We will provide updated information on this as soon as it becomes available.

Attendance

1. Are we keeping attendance records daily?

- a. Attendance is taken daily for the purpose of identifying students that are logging-on to complete assignments and to provide supports to the students that are not accessing their work.

School Counseling

Grade Level Specific FAQs

Seniors

School counselors will continue to be available to seniors to provide the following:

1. Review grades and graduation requirements
 2. Provide social/emotional support
 3. Connect with college and career resources
 4. Webinars for students/parents on college and career planning
- **I am a senior; what should I do if I have not identified an appropriate post-secondary plan?**
 - Start by utilizing your Naviance account and identify multiple plans. Apply to Gateway Community College (<https://gatewayct.edu/ApplyNow>) and local state colleges, such as Southern Connecticut State University, Albertus Magnus, and University of Bridgeport to name a few (<https://apply.commonapp.org/createaccount>) if you want to attend college. Be sure to research and ensure that their application deadlines have not passed. Make sure that you email your School Counselor to request that your transcript and supporting documents be provided to the school.
 - Be sure to complete your **FAFSA** as soon as possible! <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa/>
 - If you are interested in **trade school or career training opportunities**, be sure to research your options based on your interests. Job Corps (<https://newhaven.jobcorps.gov>), ConnCAT (<https://conncat.org>), Porter and Chester (<https://porterchester.edu/campus-locations/hamden-ct>), and Paul Mitchell (<https://paulmitchell.edu/northhaven>) offer career training for students interested in continuing their learning with a career focus in mind.
 - **Military Options** are a good choice as well! Research which branch is the best option for you! <https://portal.ct.gov/MIL/Organization/Organization>

- If you are interested in going straight into the **career field**, <https://portal.ct.gov/Services/Jobs-and-Employment> is a great resource to identify potential companies of interest.
- **What should we expect for graduation?**
 - This district is working with the Connecticut Department of Education to ensure that we are aligned with the Governor’s directives. We understand how the unknown can cause a great deal of anxiety and fear. Trust in knowing that it is our hope that the end of the school year resumes normally. In the interim, make sure that you remain on top of your assignments and tasks and in constant communication with your teachers and School Counselor to ensure that you are eligible for graduation without issue.

Juniors

School counselors will continue to be available to juniors to provide the following:

1. Provide social/emotional support
 2. Monitor student academic progress
 3. Connect with college and career resources
- **I am a junior; what should I do with regards to the college application/identifying an appropriate post-secondary plan?**
 - Start by utilizing your Naviance account and **research** potential schools of interest. Naviance has a SuperMatch College Search tool that allows you to identify schools based on your own preferences! Be sure to save schools of interest to your ‘Colleges I am Thinking About.’
 - As you begin researching and narrowing down your list of colleges/universities of interest, be sure to research the website specifically for **online college tour options**. Due to the Covid-19 situation, many colleges/universities are currently closed to the public.
 - Email your School Counselor to identify a plan for your **junior meeting**. Although it is not ideal, there are several different options for scheduling and holding a junior meeting with your School Counselor. Inquire what they are able to do to ensure that you are able to have a personalized/individualized conversation.
 - Due to the uncertainty of the School Day SAT, juniors are encouraged to register for an upcoming **SAT** date (most likely post-May). Please request a fee waiver code from your School Counselor if you are eligible and register ASAP. Be sure that you are preparing for the SAT test. Utilize your Khan Academy account DAILY. If you do not have an account yet, sign up here: <https://www.khanacademy.org/signup>
 - Now is a great time to start thinking about your **college essay**. Create a draft or jot down some ideas. We will return to school soon, promise! The essay prompts for Common App will be the same next year. <https://www.commonapp.org/apply/essay-prompts>
 - Create a **Resume**. Make a list of all of your coursework, employment, community service, skills, leadership role, honors/awards and extracurricular activities. Naviance has a resume builder which will help build one for you.

Sophomores

School counselors will continue to be available to sophomores to provide the following:

1. Monitor student academic progress
 2. Provide social/emotional support
- Students should work on the following
 - Completing your tasks on Naviance
 - Thinking about you courses for next year
 - Maintaining connections with teachers and counselor
 - Researching summer enrichment opportunities
 - Continue PSAT practice on Khan Academy
 - Keeping your grades up!

Freshmen

School counselors will continue to be available to freshman to provide the following:

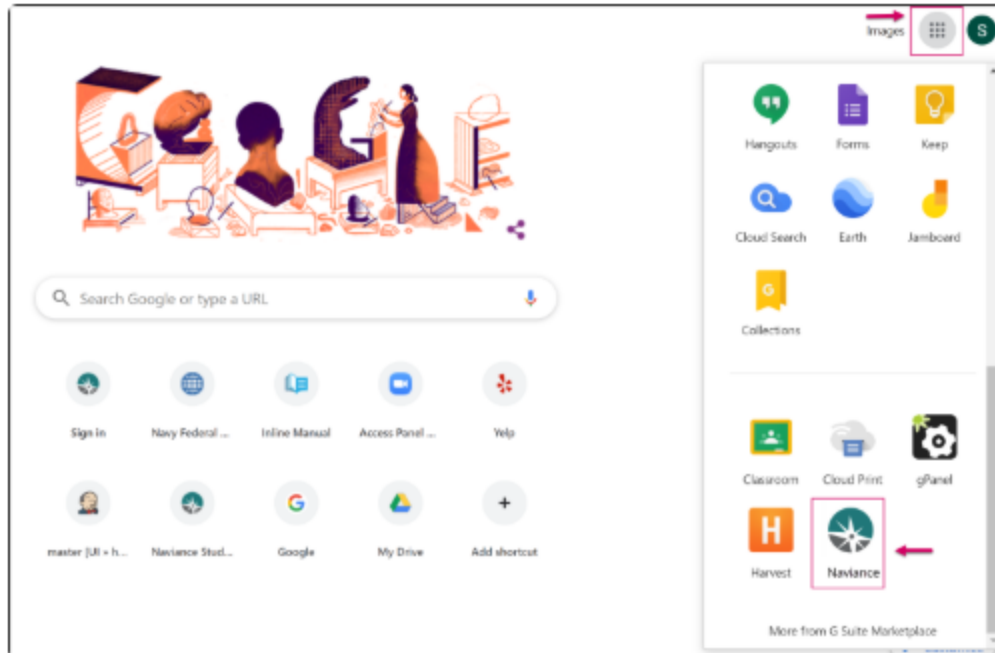
1. Monitor student academic progress
 2. Social/emotional support
- Students should work on the following:
 - Completing tasks assigned on Naviance
 - Thinking about courses for next year
 - Researching summer enrichment opportunities
 - Maintaining connections with teachers and counselor
 - Continue PSAT practice on Khan Academy
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Advanced Placement

- Unsure about your AP exams? Please refer to the links below regarding Advanced Placement
- <https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/about-ap/news-changes/coronavirus-update>
- The College Board has provided online course reviews beginning Wednesday March 25. Please refer to the link below to get specific dates and times for your course review session. They are also available on YouTube after the live session.
- <https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/coronavirus-updates#free-ap-classes>
- **College Before College/Independent Study Seminar Program**
- Please refer to the district website for information
- <https://isspinfo.wordpress.com/>

Access to Naviance

- Students will now access Naviance by logging into their **nhps.net google account** and **clicking on the Naviance icon in apps**. The log in experience for staff has not changed. Staff will continue to log in through the Naviance site directly.



Student-Athletes

- First, make sure you are taking care of your emotional and mental state through this difficult time. It is extremely difficult to be unable to participate in a sport that you have up until this difficult point. Try to continue to stay active; go for a jog, plan and implement some healthy workouts.
- Utilize the NHPS Athletics website <https://www.nhpsathletics.com> for important information.
- If you plan on playing sports at the collegiate level, please be sure to register with the NCAA eligibility center as soon as possible to create an account. Be sure to click fee waiver when it requests payment. Upon completion of the process, be sure to inform your School Counselor so that he/she can upload your transcript and confirm fee waiver.

Community Resources/Support

- DCF - The Department of Children and Families are still taking calls. **1-800-842-2288**.
- Emergency Mobile Psychiatric Services (**EMPS/211**) - EMPS is still available and are still going out to families when needed. Crisis intervention, family support, mental and behavioral health referrals: E-mail help@211info.org, dial 211 or 1-800-203-1234, or visit: <https://uwc.211ct.org/>.
- Suicide Prevention Crisis Hotline - **1-800-273-8255** or text **741741**

Parent Guide for Talking To Your Children About Covid-19

https://higherlogicdownload.s3.amazonaws.com/NASN/3870c72d-fff9-4ed7-833f-215de278d256/UploadedImages/PDFs/02292020_NASP_NASN_COVID-19_parent_handout.pdf

Students with Disabilities

- 1. My child has an IEP, how are PPTs being conducted?**
 - a. At this time, no PPT meetings will be conducted until further notice. Current goals and objectives will remain in place. Special education teachers will frequently monitor and document progress accordingly. Quarterly progress marks will be completed and sent home in collaboration with report cards*

- 2. My child was referred to special education and evaluations were recommended?**
 - a. If your child was recommended for evaluations, the timeline is paused. NHPS is following state guidelines and testing will resume once we have guidance from the state.*

- 3. My child is due for a triennial evaluation; will this be completed?**
 - a. At this point in time, no evaluations will be completed until further notice. NHPS is following guidance from The Connecticut State Department of Education and will provide updates as they become available.*

- 4. My child is a special education student; what services are available?**
 - a. Special education services are being provided in collaboration with general education services. Special Education teachers will be utilizing various learning platforms to communicate with students and families. Please feel free to contact your child's special education teacher, school principal, or special education supervisor with specific concerns.*

- 5. My child receives related services will he/she receive these services throughout COVID 19?**
 - a. Related services will be provided through direct and indirect services, such as phone calls, video conference and or other formats. NHPS will be seeking written consent from parents in order for direct services to begin. Please check your email frequently for updates and notices from the district.*

- 6. My child has been recommended for Extended School Year (ESY) will this be offered this school year?**
 - a. ESY is a PPT recommendation. ESY information will be shared once guidance is received from the state as to when 2019-2020 school year will resume.*

- 7. Educational Websites:**
 - a. <https://www.educatorstechnology.com/2016/01/a-handy-chart-featuring-over-30-ipad.html>*

- 8. Social Emotional Learning Resources**

- a. <https://www.understood.org/en/learning-thinking-differences/treatments-approaches/educational-strategies/social-emotional-learning-what-you-need-to-know>
- b. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ikehX9o1Jbl>

9. Resources for Students and Parents:

- a. <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/Information-For/School-Resources>
- b. www.cpacinc.org

10. Connecticut State Department of Education

- a. <https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Services/Special-Education>

School Choice Placement Process

1. Will the School Choice Placement Process continue as scheduled?

- a. School placement results for the 2020-2021 academic year were scheduled to be released on March 31, 2020. However, the results of the School Choice Placement Process will be postponed until April 14, 2020.

New Student Registration

1. Will I receive new students during the COVID-19 school closure?

- a. Any parent that requests for their school-age child to be registered in New Haven Public Schools will be temporarily placed in one of our schools. The registration process will be managed by our Choice and Enrollment Office. Principals will be contacted by Choice and Enrollment to provide the students demographics and the principal will place the student in a class for the duration of the school closure.

2. Where will the student be placed after the COVID-19 school closure?

- a. The student will need to show proof of immunization records to the school nurse. Additionally, if English is a second language for the student the LAS Placement test will be administered.