

Dear Parents/Guardians:

This year Henry County Schools is using a yearlong grading practice for all high school classes. Traditionally, the semester would mark the end of grading for the semester, and a half credit would be awarded. Grades will continue to be posted in 9 week intervals, but rather than awarding a half unit (.5) of credit at the end of the semester, except in the cases of semester-long courses, a full unit of credit will be awarded upon successful completion of the year-long course. This change in our current grading practice may raise some questions. Please see the frequently asked questions below.

- 1) How will grades be determined this year?
  - a. All credit for the course(s) will be awarded at the end of the course when final grades are posted. The final grade will be determined by averaging the two semesters and the End of Course Assessment or the individual final exam. The break downs for each type of class is detailed below:

- i. Courses with a End of Course Assessment:

Grades will be determined by weighting each semester at 40% of the final grade, given at the end of the school year, and the Milestones End Of Course (EOC) at 20%. This grade structure will apply to Coordinate Algebra, Analytic Geometry, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Literature, American Literature, Biology, Physical Science, US History, and Economics.

What does this look like?		
End of year grade (80%) = 85	End of Course Assessment 20% = 80	Final Grade = 84

- ii. Courses without and End of Course Assessment:

For those yearlong classes that do not have an EOC, the final assessment is also 20% of the final grade average. This grade structure will apply to all classes that do not have a Georgia Milestones End of Course Assessment.

What does this look like?		
End of year grade (85%) = 85	Final Exam 20% = 80	Final Grade = 84

- 2) How will GPA be calculated?
  - a. Students' GPA will be calculated in the same manner as it has been.
- 3) How will eligibility for extracurricular activities be determined?
  - a. Progress reports will still be sent at the 9 week intervals. Academic standing will be able to be determined using the grades posted at the end of term 2. This will be a snapshot of the grade based on the end of the semester. We have already received approval for this through Georgia High School Association.
- 4) What happens if my student transfers from a Henry County School to another Henry County School?
  - a. Your student should be placed in the same classes, providing there is space and the course is offered.
- 5) What happens if my student transfers from a Henry County school to a Non-Henry County school during the year?
  - a. For all transfer credits and school transfers, please see your student's counselor or the school principal.