



April 23, 2020

Dear Reading Parents/Students:

Although Governor DeWine closed school buildings for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year, school is still in session. We will continue off-site instruction through the end of the school year on June 4, 2020.

To further support our students, families, and staff, there will be no new assignments after May 22. Please understand, we are **NOT** ending school early. We have made this decision to allow students to successfully complete the school year. The last two weeks without new assignments will allow students and staff to redo assignments, catch up on late work, complete additional assignments, and wrap up the year. We are also using the last two weeks of school for teacher-led virtual enrichment activities leading up to the official last day on June 4.

Next, we know the end of the school year typically includes many celebrations honoring our students for their achievements. We are currently at work making plans to recognize our students and their families for their great work. We will continue to update you on these plans including graduation as we learn more about the state's guidelines for large group gatherings.

Building principals will also be sending information detailing how students can retrieve personal belongings left in classrooms or lockers and turn in textbooks and any borrowed Chromebooks. Materials will not be collected until after the end of the quarter on June 4 to allow students to complete their work.

We have modified our remote learning grading policy for the 4th quarter. Our building principals have been working closely with teachers to make these adjustments. We believe that one policy does not fit all students in grades K-12, and we have taken into account the needs and challenges of each grade level when making these changes. Our goal is to provide more flexibility — while continuing to have high expectations for all of our students. Student safety, well being, engagement, and connectedness also guided the following grading policy changes.

Reading Community City School District 4th Quarter Remote Learning Grading Policy By Building

Reading Elementary School

- Grades for core academic subjects will be on a pass/fail basis.

- Work that is completed will receive passing credit.
- We want to ensure every student is engaging in school work in some way.
- Teachers will provide feedback and connect with students to provide support as needed.

Reading Middle School

- Students completing a satisfactory amount of work during this time will receive a 4th quarter grade of “P” for passing.
- Students who do not engage in learning activities and do not complete a satisfactory amount of work during this time will receive an “F” for failing.
- Parents/guardians will be contacted by their child’s teacher should their child have numerous missing assignments or incompletes and is in danger of receiving a final grade of “F” for the 4th quarter.
- Any middle school students taking a high school credit course during this time will follow the grading guidelines outlined by the high school.

Reading High School:

- **NO EXAMS** for 2nd semester
- Traditional letter grades will be used for the 4th quarter
- Second-semester grades will be calculated by taking 50% of the 3rd quarter and 50% of the 4th quarter to create our second-semester grades.
- Following OHSAA eligibility guidelines, 4th quarter grades (not second semester or final grades) will be used to verify fall athletic eligibility. RHS/RMS student-athletes will need to earn (5) passing 4th quarter grades to be eligible for the 2020 fall season.

We know it continues to be a trying time for all of us. We appreciate your support and feedback as we continue to adjust and make plans to best serve our students, our families, and our community. We hope you stay healthy and stay engaged as we finish out this history-making school year.

Sincerely,

Chuck LaFata
Superintendent