



# SAN FELIPE DEL RIO CISD

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## **SFDR CISD BOARD APPROVES RESOLUTION FOR SPRING SEMESTER GRADES, GPA AND CLASS RANK**

The Board of Trustees adopted a resolution on May 7, 2020, which addresses the current 2020 Spring Semester Grading Policy for high school students, particularly, GPA's and Class Rank for the Spring 2020 semester for the students in the Class of 2020 cohort, as well as for the Class of 2020-2021 through the Class of 2023-2024 student cohorts.

This Resolution, as described below, allows for students and their parents to choose if they want the current semester's grades to count toward their GPA and class rank. However, this Resolution requires students to take action and promptly notify the school district of their choice. In any case, each student in grades Kinder – 12<sup>th</sup> grade is advised that they must still achieve a numerical grade of 70 or better to receive course credit. As such, it is of utmost importance that they submit all of their work as required under the current Home Based Instructional (HBI) program.

The HBI program has allowed the District to continue providing lessons and coursework to our students in accordance with shelter-in-place state guidelines. Under these circumstances, it has been difficult and challenging to provide the same level of course rigor (as was previously provided) across all courses, specifically as it relates to projects and assessments. It has also been difficult and challenging to receive and assign timely or accurate grades for the 5th or 6th six-week grading period during this Spring semester, as it is required by our EIA(LOCAL) board policy.

In order to address these issues, the Board of Trustees adopted a Resolution on May 7, 2020. The Board Resolution on Grades and Class Rank permits the following:

1. Only grades which were calculated at the end of the 3rd six-week grading period (i.e., Fall 2019 Semester) shall be used for considering and identifying final class rankings and graduation top honors including the Top 10 Percent, Salutatorian and Valedictorian for the students in the 2019-2020 graduating class.
2. Students in the 2019–2020 thru 2023-2024 class cohorts will receive a numerical semester grade for the Spring 2020 semester. However, for GPA purposes, grades will only be recorded as Pass/Fail; and the GPA will only reflect student work completed through the end of the 3rd six-week grading period (Fall 2019 Semester), unless a student and their parent/guardian opt to have a numerical semester grade for the Spring 2020 semester count for GPA purposes. If a student/parent opts to have a numerical semester grade for the Spring 2020 semester, he/she must notify the Director of PEIMS Data Quality, Compliance and Accountability at P.O. Drawer 428002 Del Rio, TX 78842 in writing (either by U.S. Mail or by e-mail) by the end of the 5th six-week grading period of the student's high school graduation year.

Parents should note that although numerical grades will be awarded for the Spring 2020 semester, credits will be awarded on a Pass/Fail basis with no GPA implications for the semester, unless a student and their parent/guardian affirmatively requests, as directed above,

to have their numerical grades count for GPA purpose—which decision will be final and not subject to further change.

3. Students in the current graduating Class of 2020 (Seniors) will also be afforded the opportunity to declare that they are opting to have a numerical semester grade for the Spring 2020 semester count for GPA purposes. Students and their parent/guardian must submit their declaration must be made in writing, through U.S. Mail or e-mail, to their high school principal by 5:00 PM on May 29, 2020. As directed earlier, a declaration must be timely submitted in order have your son/daughter’s numerical grades count for GPA purpose. Please keep in mind that this decision is final and is not subject to change.
4. Students who are taking dual credit courses will be awarded a passing numerical grade from their college or university (e.g., Southwest Texas Junior College). Grades may range from 60-100. Any numerical grade between 59.5 to 69.9 awarded by the college/university for the Spring 2020 semester will automatically post to a score of 70 on the SFDR CISD transcript. Students will be awarded the credit with no GPA implications based on provisions outlined in paragraph 2 of the Board Resolution.

Parents of high school students (current freshmen thru senior level) should feel free to call their campus principal if they have any questions regarding the recently adopted resolution.