



CLOVER GARDEN SCHOOL

Home of the Grizzlies



4/2/2020

Dear Senior Students of the Class of 2020 & Senior Parents,

Due to the unfortunate outbreak of COVID-19 in our world, state and in our community, Clover Garden School among all other public schools in North Carolina have had to make some changes as to how we complete academic routines and schedules given the school closure directive. The State Board of Education and North Carolina Department of Public Instruction have been steadily busy in working on ways to ensure that all of our students in the state receive the best education possible in the midst of a global crisis. The number one goal of those educational leaders listed above is to ensure that there are no additional unnecessary burdens placed on any of our students, especially our seniors during this time. As a school, and as your family, we truly understand and empathize that this was not how you as seniors wanted to finish your senior year. Parents, we understand that you too are missing out on some of the most important events and excitement of preparing your student for graduation. At Clover Garden School, we will make this promise to you seniors as well as to our senior parents: We ensure that you WILL get to celebrate your graduation as the class of 2020. Graduation is **still scheduled** for **May 21, 2020**. However, if public safety is still a concern, this will be postponed, not cancelled. We **WILL** celebrate our amazing group of seniors and give our seniors and their parents the opportunity to reflect on their time at CGS!

Currently, we are working diligently to ensure that all of our seniors have what they need in order to be successful. With this being said, the State Board of Education has passed down some guidance on helping our students meet the expectations needed for course completion this school year. This guidance is to help support our seniors with obtaining a diploma at the completion of the 2019-2020 school year. This guidance is listed below.

Parents, please read the following guidance listed below carefully. There are three options listed that pertain only to our senior class. These options are listed under #2. The last page of this letter will contain your student's "Grade Notification Sheet". Please read over the snapshot of your senior's current grades as of March 13, 2020. Please select an "option" of how you'd like us to proceed with your senior's educational options at CGS for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. This "Grade Notification Sheet" is due back signed to CGS prior to April 14, 2020.

Please contact Mrs. Nina, Mrs. Vereyken or Mrs. Moore if you have any questions.

SENIOR Guidance as of 3/27/2020 from the State Board of Education

The following shall be adopted by Clover Garden School for the completion of the 2019/2020 school year for the **Graduating Class of 2020**:

- 1) Prioritize Graduation Requirements over electives.
- 2) Senior options for completion (*NOTE: These options are for ALL CGS and NCVPS enrolled courses.*)
 - A) If a student had a **passing grade at the end of Semester 1**, they have the option of accepting a Pass grade for the year and the coursework will be considered “complete” as of March 13, 2020. (GPA will be determined by the SBE at a later date but will not negatively impact the student’s GPA)
 - B) If a student had a **passing grade at the end of Semester 1**, they have the option of **continuing** the course to completion (May 21, 2020) for the earned grade but any coursework completed shall not negatively affect student’s final grade.
 - C) If a student **did not** have a **passing grade at the end of Semester 1**, the student will be expected to complete the coursework through to May 21, 2020 to receive the course credit. If a student does not pass the course as of the May 21, 2020 deadline, the student will receive a Withdrawal from the course and will not receive the course credit. **If this is a required course for graduation, the student will not be eligible for graduation.** If the failed course is an elective and not required for graduation they will receive a withdrawal and their final GPA shall not be negatively impacted.
- 3) Senior information for course completion (*NOTE: This information is for ACC enrolled courses only.*)
 - If a student had a **passing grade at midterm**, the student may receive a Pass grade for the student’s high school transcript for that enrolled college course equivalent **if the course is required for graduation.** At the college level, if a student takes a “pass grade”, the student will be withdrawn and will not receive college credit. College credit will only be given once a student has completed the required coursework by May 8, 2020. (GPA will be determined by the SBE at a later date but will not negatively impact the student’s GPA)
 - Students may withdraw from any ACC courses at any time and will not receive high school or college credit.
 - Students may continue coursework through ACC online distance learning to obtain college credit.
 - Students are encouraged to complete their college courses unless otherwise unable to do so. High school students who are dually enrolled may not be able to complete courses due to, but not limited to, the following reasons:

- Access to a Wi-Fi connected device or broadband in order to complete courses offered online may not be available;
- Students/family may have health or other personal reasons to not be able to complete the course due to the pandemic.

4) Other Graduation Updates/Changes

All graduates shall meet the state's minimum credit requirement of 22 credits in lieu of CGS's 24 credits to include:

English I, English II, English III and English IV (Or Equivalent)
Math I, Math II, Math III and one higher level Math or Equivalent
Earth Science, Biology and Physical Science or Equivalent
World History, Civics & Economics, American History I & II or Equivalent
Two Credits of a Foreign Language
One Health/PE
Four Elective Credits

As always, thanks for all that you do,

Mrs. Vereyken

Mrs. Moore

Mrs. Nina