

On May 1<sup>st</sup>, NYS Governor Cuomo announced that all schools in New York State would remain “closed” through the rest of the academic year, and that continuity of learning would continue in a variety of ways and means. At Friendship, work has been shared with students by teachers in a variety of methods (online assignments, interactive classroom sessions, paper copies of materials, videos, etc.) When determining grades for the fourth marking period, completion and submission of student work is the key part in this process.

Given the present circumstances, Friendship has made some modifications with regards to end of year grading for the 2019-2020 school year.

1. There will be **no mandatory final exams/projects** given at any grade level or in any course. Teachers will have the option to assign a final evaluation measure to be used as **extra credit only** to help a student's average.
2. For students in grades 3-12, grades for the fourth quarter will continue to be numeric.
3. For students in grades 3-12, the lowest grade issued for the fourth quarter will be a \*60.
4. Final averages for students in grades 6-12 courses will be determined by an equal weighting of all four marking period averages at 25% each.

By giving an equal weighting to all four marking periods, grades that were earned through the first three marking periods will help a student's overall average out if work during the COVID closure has proved to be problematic. It also allows for work that has been completed during the COVID closure to help a student's overall average out if they struggled during the first part of the school year.

Elementary students in grades 3-5 will follow items 1, 2, and 3 as listed above. Elementary students in grades PreK-2 will receive a final report card that is more narrative in nature and will comment on the entirety of the 2019-2020 school year.

Final report cards will be mailed home by the end of June, 2020