

Pass/No Pass Grade Options for Students in Grades 8-12

July 29, 2021

Dear Hanford Joint Union High School District Students, Parents, and Guardians:

This notice is to inform you of your right to request a change to a Pass or No Pass grade for 2020-2021 school year courses. Adult students and parents/guardians of students under 18 may ask to change a letter grade to a Pass or No Pass for courses taken by a student enrolled in grades 9-12 during the 2020-2021 school year. You must submit the grade change request by August 16, 2021. We cannot accept grade change requests submitted after this date.

Summary of Updated Grade Change Options:

1. Parents/guardians of students under 18 years old, and 18-year-old or older students enrolled in grades 8-12 during the 2020-2021 school year, may request to have a letter grade on the student's transcript (semester grades) changed to a Pass or No Pass for courses taken during the 2020-2021 school year.
2. All timely requests to change letter grades to a Pass or No Pass will be accepted.
3. There is no limit on the number or type of courses eligible for a change from a letter grade to a grade of Pass or No Pass.
4. Grades of Pass or No Pass will not negatively impact a student's GPA.

Grade Change Application:

Requests to change grades must be submitted using the following application:

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/gs/ps/documents/gradechange20form.pdf>

- Applications may be submitted by email or in person at your high school office, or by U.S. mail postmarked by August 15 to:
 - Hanford High School, cvargas@hjuhsd.k12.ca.us
 - Hanford West High School, cfagundes@hjuhsd.k12.ca.us
 - Sierra Pacific High School, dsheldon@hjuhsd.k12.ca.us
 - Earl F. Johnson Continuation High School, imontano@hjuhsd.k12.ca.us
 - Hanford Online Charter, rlopes@hjuhsd.k12.ca.us
 - Hanford Community Day School, kzoldak@hjuhsd.k12.ca.us
- You will be notified that the requested grade change has been made within 15 calendar days of a grade change request.

Effects of Grade Changes on Postsecondary Education

For admissions purposes, California State University cannot penalize students with transcripts that have grades of Pass or No Pass grades. Other postsecondary educational institutions that have agreed to accept transcripts with a Pass or No Pass grade for admissions purposes are listed at:

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/gs/ps/ab104surveyresults.asp>: and below:

Some colleges and universities, including those in other states, may refuse to accept a Pass or No Pass grade for admissions purposes. Please check with any postsecondary educational institution that you or your child is interested in applying to about the impact of a Pass or No Pass grade before requesting a grade change.

Colleges and Universities who have responded to a California Department of Education survey by July 27 to verify that they will accept Pass/No Pass grades:

California State University Schools:

- California State University, Bakersfield
- California State University Channel Islands
- California State University, Chico
- California State University, Dominguez Hills
- California State University, East Bay
- California State University, Fresno
- California State University, Fullerton
- Humboldt State University
- California State University, Long Beach
- California State University, Los Angeles
- California State University Maritime Academy
- California State University, Monterey Bay
- California State University, Northridge
- California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
- California State University, Sacramento
- California State University, San Bernardino
- San Diego State University
- San Francisco State University
- San José State University
- California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
- California State University San Marcos
- Sonoma State University
- California State University, Stanislaus

University of California (UC) Schools:

- UC Berkeley
- UC Davis
- UC Irvine
- UC Los Angeles
- UC Merced
- UC Riverside
- UC San Diego
- UC San Francisco
- UC Santa Barbara
- UC Santa Cruz

Private Universities:

- Saint Mary's College of California
- Holy Names University
- Pitzer College
- University of La Verne
- Westmont College
- Santa Clara University
- University of Saint Katherine
- University of Southern California
- ArtCenter College of Design
- California Baptist University
- University of San Francisco
- La Sierra University
- Mount Saint Mary's University

Sincerely,

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