



# Chesnee Middle School

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Dear Chesnee Middle School Students and Families,

During this unique and challenging time of school closures, we know there are many questions regarding how students will be graded for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and second semester of the school year. We have been working collaboratively across the district to develop an equitable and reasonable system for grading students while they continue with Distance-Remote Learning (DRL).

We applaud our students for their hard work with DRL. We also recognize the tremendous work of our teachers, with the support of families, as they have implemented DRL with such short notice. However, we know this is a big change in how we deliver and students receive instruction and we have developed our plan with that in mind.

There are many factors, including recent direction from the SC Department of Education (SCDE), that have influenced our decision. Based on guidance from the SCDE, elementary and middle school students in non-credit-bearing courses will not get a standalone grade for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter/nine weeks; instead, they will receive a second semester grade only. Grades earned during DRL will be based on student participation and engagement and take into consideration the student's work from the first three quarters of the school year. The second semester grade will be averaged with the first semester grade for a year end grade; thus elementary and middle school students who actively engage in DRL work have the opportunity to improve their second semester and yearly averages!

Based on direction from the SCDE, high school students (and middle school students taking high school credit courses) will not get a standalone grade for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter/nine weeks; instead, they will receive a second semester grade that combines 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter grades completed at school with grades earned during DRL, including participation and engagement grades. High school students who actively engage in DRL work have the opportunity to improve their second semester course averages!

Also based on direction from the SCDE, seniors will need to have all work completed no later than May 15 for grades to be entered into PowerSchool by May 22.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or Dr. Angela Hinton, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction ([angela.hinton@spart2.org](mailto:angela.hinton@spart2.org); 864-578-0128, ext 134).

Thank you,

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