

Adjusted Grading Guidelines FAQs

Why did SBISD adopt Adjusted Grading Guidelines?

SBISD recognizes the impact of the global Covid-19 pandemic on the lives of our students, their families and our educators. Students and teachers were asked to rapidly adjust to remote learning experiences, and students and families do not all have access to the same level of digital devices, reliable internet, and supports at home. Adjusting grading guidelines during this unprecedented time acknowledges these factors to ensure equity and fairness for all 35,000 SBISD students, while affirming our commitment that teaching and learning continue through the end of the planned school year.

How will the second semester adjustment to Met Standard/Not Met Standard be calculated and reflected on high school student transcripts? Will this adjustment impact GPA and Class Rank?

For high school students, a cumulative grade of 70% or higher for the 3rd and 4th nine weeks will be transcribed as “Met Standard” for the second semester and an earned credit for that course. Please keep in mind that high school transcripts only reflect semester averages and not individual grading periods. The Met/Did Not Meet Standard will not affect a student’s GPA or Class Rank.

How will colleges and universities consider the adjusted grading guidelines and our students’ transcripts in their admissions process?

College admissions officers are well aware that districts across the country are making decisions about adjusting grading guidelines in light of the coronavirus pandemic, and districts are solving for this situation differently. We understand universities are adjusting their admission requirements in consideration of the current global health crisis.

High school profiles that are sent with transcripts when students apply to colleges and universities will be updated to reflect the district’s position on grading guidelines during the Covid-19 pandemic.

How will the Met/Did Not Meet Standard impact NCAA eligibility?

NCAA guidance affirms that students’ NCAA eligibility will not be negatively impacted by our Adjusted Grading Guidelines. For NCAA-approved core courses completed in Spring/Summer 2020 that have been issued a grade of “Pass,” (SBISD is using the term Met Standard), the Eligibility Center will apply the credit earned in these courses toward the core-course requirement in the student's certification. This will apply to students from all grade levels who successfully complete NCAA-approved Pass/Fail courses in Spring/Summer 2020.

NCAA guidance may be viewed at this [link](#).