



ARCHWAY CLASSICAL ACADEMY | TRIVIUM EAST

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Greetings families,

I hope you and your children had a meaningful Memorial Day Weekend. I wanted to send out a reminder regarding our academy's approach to grades and evaluations during this last quarter. As Mr. Erik Twist communicated, all Archway academies will be issuing a grade of "Pass" or "Fail" for the 4th quarter of this school year. This approach allows us to affirm and recognize the hard work of all of our scholars in making steady progress during the final quarter, but also takes into consideration the limitations of online learning and the unique obstacles so many of you faced in working with your children at home. Rather than individualize our "Pass" or "Fail" grades by subject, we are assessing the completion of work as a whole. I wanted to share a brief breakdown of what report cards will look like this year so you know what to expect.

For grades K-2, you will see a grade of either "P" or "F" within each subject for the fourth quarter. Again, you will see a common grade across all subject areas, including specials. This is meant to address the work as a whole, however, each subject within our PowerSchool program requires an individual grade. The "Year 1" grade *does not* include the 4th quarter grades, but addresses 1st through 3rd quarters, in order to account for the unique circumstance.

For grades 3-5, you will also see a grade of either "P" or "F" within each subject for the fourth quarter. However, you will see a letter grade, ranging from A through F, to indicate the final "Year 1" grade for each subject. It is important to note that this is overall average of Q1 through Q3, and does not reflect your child's progress in Remote Learning.

Please look for your report cards to be sent, in our usual format, on Monday, June 1st. Our hope is that this overall approach prioritizes the work and progress made in the first three quarters, while acknowledging the hard work done by our scholars from home. As you know, we believe grades are a symbol and sign meant to communicate important information about the progress of each of our students. They are certainly not the goal of our education – but they are a helpful indicator we can use to help our students grow. We hope that this feedback is valuable and meaningful, and will allow us all to continue to find areas where we can grow and press forward together!

As always, please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

With Devotion,

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