

**ADDENDA TO  
MADISON CITY SCHOOLS ACADEMIC GUIDE FOR THE COVID-19 SCHOOL CLOSURE**

**GPA - Grade Point Average Determination**

- Graded weights will still apply to all credit-bearing courses.
- GPA will end with 3rd nine-week grades (exception of 4th nine-week credit bearing courses)
- Class ranking will be determined with 3rd nine-week grades (exception of 4th nine-week credit bearing courses).
- Dual enrollment and ACCESS course grades will be factored into GPA and class rank

**Grades**

- Grades for yearlong, 2nd semester, and 4th nine-week courses will be finalized May 21

**Grades for Secondary Credit-Bearing Courses**

- If a student is passing, the final grade will be determined by the 3<sup>rd</sup> nine-week grade.
- For 4<sup>th</sup> nine-week courses, students have the option to complete the course for a grade or withdraw/retake the course in 2020-2021 (no credit / no grade awarded on transcript).
  - Government and Economics remain graduation requirements (grades 9-11).
  - Students enrolled in Driver's Education can complete the written portion but driving labs are TBD, depending on COVID-19 guidelines.
- For 2nd semester or 3rd nine-week courses, students can complete a comprehensive project assigned by April 15 and due no later than May 19 (one additional test grade).
  - May improve grade by 10 percentage points (maximum) but cannot lower grade
- For 2<sup>nd</sup> semester or 3<sup>rd</sup> nine-week failing grades, students can gain credit.
  - Teachers will work with students on mastering the standards. Grades will reflect the new level of mastery and can only be raised to a maximum grade of 65.
  - Comprehensive project can be completed to raise grade additional 10% max.

**Grades (Seniors)**

- Seniors may continue courses to be more prepared for success in future endeavors
- Seniors currently enrolled in Government or Economics will receive "exempt" on the transcript, with no credit or grade awarded, as recommended by the ALSDE.

**Advanced Placement**

- [AP exams](#) will be given online and can be taken on a laptop, tablet, or smartphone.
- MCS strongly encourages students to take AP exams this year.
- Graded weights still apply to credit-bearing courses whether students take AP exams.

**ACCESS Virtual Learning**

- ACCESS Virtual Learning classes will continue until 5:00 pm on Friday, May 29.
- For yearlong or semester ACCESS courses, students have two options:
  - Withdraw-with-grades using the current grade earned for the final grade.
  - Continue in the ACCESS course until completion to earn the final grade.
- For fourth nine week ACCESS courses, students have two options:
  - Continue until completion to earn the final grade.
  - Withdraw/retake during 2020-2021 (no credit / no grade awarded on transcript).