

RCHS Distance Learning, Grading and Credits:

As a result of the cancellation of all in-person classes for the remainder of the school year, RCCHS is providing Distance Learning opportunities for all students. All students, grades 9-12 are required to participate in Distance Learning activities. Executive Order 20-16 states, students must have 160 instructional days for this school year. In order for RCCHS students to meet this requirement, they have to participate in the Distance Learning (Tuesdays - Thursdays) through the last scheduled day of school, May 20th. Semester grades will continue to be earned, and they will be reported on students' transcripts.

If, for some reason, a student is not able to participate in Distance Learning, the student or the student's parent, must contact the school to make other arrangements to participate in Distance Learning.

How will grades be calculated?

- Grades will be primarily participatory-based for all Distance Learning activities.
- Grades will not be punitive in nature.
- Grades should demonstrate a level of mastery (60% minimum) to earn credit.
- 2nd semester grades will be calculated using a formula of 50/50.
 - 50% of the final semester grade will be from Q3, which was completed prior to Distance Learning.
 - 50% of the final semester grade will be from Q4, Distance Learning.
 - There will be NO Final Exams unless required for Dual Credit.
- Students will be given opportunities to earn daily/weekly participation grades during Distance Learning.
- Failure to participate in Distance Learning or Distance Learning activities could result in a reduction of a student's grade.
- Final class rank for the graduating class of 2020 (including Valedictorian/Salutatorian, Top 10 and Top 10% honors) will be determined at the conclusion of the Fall 2019 Semester.

How will credit be earned?

- All students will have the opportunity to earn credit for second semester classes by earning a passing grade as noted above. The credit and grade earned will be entered on the student's transcript.
- Students in grades 9-11, and grade 8 students in classes for high school credit, must complete their course requirements and receive a passing grade to receive a credit. If a passing grade is not achieved, a credit will not be earned and marked as such on the transcript.

Class of 2020's Flexibility for Indiana Graduation Requirements in Response to COVID-19

Governor Holcomb has granted flexibility to Indiana school corporations in awarding graduation diplomas to the members of the Class of 2020. This flexibility only applies to seniors in the Class

of 2020 who are on track to graduate. Under this approved flexibility, Rensselaer Central School Corporation may issue an Indiana diploma to a student who:

1. Has met all of the course and credit requirements for the specific diploma designation based on:
 - a. a **combination** of high school credits earned prior to and the courses in which a student was enrolled as of March 19, 2020, when the Governor issued the statewide school closure order; **and**
2. Meets any **virtual or remote learning participation requirements** established by the governing body of the local school corporation in response to the statewide school closure order issued by the Governor.

If seniors are behind in required credits from previous semesters, they will still be required to make up these courses up via GradPoint in order to earn credit.

Rensselaer Central Schools offers Distance Learning for all students. Seniors, like all students, are expected to participate in the Distance Learning program. Satisfactory completion of courses through Distance Learning will result in seniors receiving a grade, and if passing, a credit for courses completed.

The grades a senior receives for the eighth semester will be recorded on the senior's transcript and become part of a student's academic record. Satisfactory completion of courses and receiving credit could be very important for students planning to continue their education now or at some time in the future.

The Graduation qualifying exam requirement for seniors has been waived. If a senior did not pass the Grade 10 ISTEP in one or both subject areas, there is no penalty. A waiver is not necessary either.