



DHS UPDATES: May 8, 2020

Below are reminders and updates for the week! For previous DHS Updates please visit our website here: [DHS Weekly Updates](#). All are encouraged to follow DHS on Twitter at [@TweetDHS](#) and to use the Danvers Public Schools app. and the [DHS website](#) to keep up to date on all things Falcons. We are here to help and to be sure every student is getting what they need to succeed!

1. School Closure - As Governor Baker announced, all schools in Massachusetts will be closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.

2. Class of 2020 - please see the following letter that went out to all Class of 2020 families last week and was also posted on the Class of 2020 Google Classroom: [Class of 2020 Updates](#). As a reminder, all Class of 2020 students are asked to complete the [Senior Capstone Project Topic Form](#). Additional details on the Capstone Project for Seniors can be found here: [DHS senior Capstone Project](#)

3. DHS Remote Learning Plan Update - as a reminder, the current phase of our Remote Learning Plan is running through the end of school year.

May 4th - June 18th

Students will be given credit for submitting work assigned between April 6th and June 18th. Students should be checking their Google Classroom pages for assignments. Please contact us with questions. Special education questions can be directed to your child(ren)'s special education liaison. Teachers will also be available for office hours each school day to answer questions and support students.

Please encourage and remind students to check their Google Classrooms and Danvers email accounts each day to stay current on assignments and important updates.

Quarter 3, Quarter 4 and Semester 2 grades will be assessed on a Pass/Fail (Credit/No Credit basis). In addition, the following table provides more details on grades:

Year end grades for all students will be calculated using the following scenarios:

Semester 1 Pass + Semester 2 Pass	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Year End grade will be the semester 1 grade plus 3 percentage points.• For example if a student got an 87% during Semester 1 and passed Semester 2 then their final year end grade would be 90% (87%+ 3 points)
Semester 1 Fail + Semester 2 Pass	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• End of Year Grade determined on a case by case basis.
Semester 1 Fail + Semester 2 Fail	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• FOR SENIORS - Students will work in an Senior Independent Study to complete missing work to earn a passing grade, if possible, in order to graduate.• FOR UNDERCLASSMEN - we will work with teachers and students to examine each case individually.

We will not have **Final Exams** and will be providing students opportunities to practice Social Emotional Learning Competencies and reflect on their time with remote learning for the last week of school in June.

Additional information can be found on the Danvers Public Schools website: [Remote Learning Frequently Asked Questions](#)

4. Academic Eligibility - We wanted to clarify expectations for eligibility for athletics and all co-curricular activities (DECA, Theater, Band, Falconzie and all other DHS-sponsored clubs and co-curriculars) for the Fall of 2020. In order to be academically eligible, students need to:

I. Pass all classes for Quarter 4

II. Pass core classes (Math, English, History, Science and World Language) for the year.

Please contact Dr. Colombino at colombino@danvers.org with questions around academic eligibility.

5. Report Cards - Quarter 3 All quarter 3 courses will be graded on a Pass/Fail (Credit/No Credit) basis. Quarter 3 grades will not be included in GPA or class rank calculations. Credit will not be withheld for any student due to access challenges. We will support families and be flexible during these challenging times. Quarter 3 grades are now available in PowerSchool.

6. 2020 AP Exams - Wishing all of our scholars the best of luck on AP exams beginning on Monday, May 11th. Please review the [2020 AP Exam schedule](#). Students will receive an access code from the College Board prior to the test, and should use a [device](#) that is both reliable and comfortable. Thank you to all of our amazing AP teachers for preparing our students to be successful in this year's exams! The access code will be emailed to the email address students used to register on [AP Central](#).

7. **Spring 2020 Athletics Season** - The Spring Athletics season has been canceled. The Athletics Department is working on processing refunds for Spring sport registration fees.

8. **College and Career Support:** Students and families please visit the **DHS Virtual Counseling Center** that has been set up by your school counselors and social workers to help you with time management, post secondary planning, social emotional support, and class specific activities. This site will continue to be updated so continue to check back frequently. Reach out to any of us with any questions or concerns.

<https://sites.google.com/danvers.org/dhs-counseling-department/>

9. **[DHS Library from Home](#)** - Thanks to our Librarian Ann Distacio for coordinating this excellent resource for students. Students are encouraged to check out the variety of resources on the newly revamped [Library from Home](#) webpage. Keep reading DHS!

10. **Social Distancing and Preventative Care** - We urge families to follow the guidance and direction from Governor Baker, including practicing social distancing and preventative care. More details on the COVID-19 outbreak can be found at mass.gov.

11. **[School Committee](#)** - the next School Committee meeting is this Monday, May 11th at 7 pm and is being held remotely. The agenda for the meeting can be found at the following link and includes details on how to watch and how to send public comments: [DPS School Committee Agenda](#)

Closing

We will continue to post daily announcements on Google Classroom pages (Class of 2023 page, etc.).

Stay warm during the wild New England weather forecasted and enjoy the weekend!

Best,

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