



Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools

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January 31, 2014

Dear Parents,

North Carolina State Board of Education policy requires EOC and NC Final Exam grades to be included as a minimum of 20% of a student's final grade for the course. In Charlotte-Mecklenburg School Board Policy, the final exam grades must count 25% towards a student's overall final course grade. In addition, the EOC and NC Final Exams are used in the North Carolina evaluation process for all school-based staff.

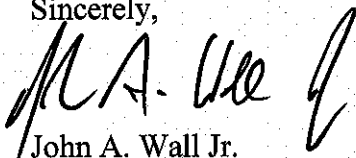
With the importance of these grades for our students and staff, the NC Department of Public Instruction must ensure all exams have been scored and graded in a fair and consistent manner. This "norming" process ensures that students across North Carolina are graded consistently regardless of school or district. The NC Department of Public Instruction cannot assign grades to our End-of-Course (EOC) Exams or NC Final Exams until all schools across North Carolina have completed first semester testing.

Unfortunately, this delay means that our schools will not receive students' final exam grades for the following NC Ready Exams: Chemistry, Earth & Environmental Science, Physical Science, Physics, Math II, Math III, Advanced Functions & Modeling, Pre-Calculus, English I, English III, English IV, World History, Civics & Economics, and U.S. History. The only End of Course test that does not have an exam grades is English II both BIO and CCMI were returned. Students who currently taking any of the courses listed above will receive an INC (Incomplete) on their report card. The anticipated return date for all exams grades by the state is late January 2014 when teachers will correct all INC and new completed report cards will be issued.

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools will review grade distributions prior to applying final marks for ninth-eleventh graders. Seniors will receive a final course grade without consideration of the final exam. Seniors will be assessed 50% on their first quarter performance and 50% on their second quarter performance. CMS will not change athletic eligibility due to the delay.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we strive to navigate the many systems changes implemented this year in North Carolina.

Sincerely,



John A. Wall Jr.
Principal