

Duquesne City School District

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Dear Parent and Guardians,

Duquesne City hopes that you and your family are staying safe and healthy during this time. We thank you for your cooperation, patience, and feedback as we work to provide the best possible instruction for your children while schools are closed. While our priority continues to be your child's education, we also realize the variety of difficulties that our families are facing during these times.

Now that we are in the last nine weeks for this school year, the grading policy will be as follows:

- **Kindergarten - 3rd grade** will remain standards-based in ELA. Teachers will continue to assess students' progress using the same measures they have all year. We will remain flexible and supportive to our students and families during these circumstances. Other subjects will remain percentage based. (i.e. math, soc stud/science, and specials)
- **Grades 4 - 6** will remain percentage based. Teachers will continue to assess students' progress using the same measures they have all year. We will remain flexible and supportive to our students and families during these circumstances.

In an effort to support live instruction during the closure, teachers will be offering two live sessions per week. These sessions are completely optional and not mandatory for students to attend. Live sessions will be offered as a supplemental instructional option to provide "live" instruction in a whole class, small group or individual format. The live sessions may also be used for non-instructional activities created by the teacher which are designed to promote positive social engagement among students. Teachers will provide access information including the link, day and time of the session in their weekly communication with families.

Thank you for your continued cooperation during these challenging times.

Sincerely,



Eric M. Harper
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