

1 **Upper West Shore School District #33**

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3 **COVID-19 Emergency Measures**

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5 Alternative Grading

6 **Use only during extended Closure periods--**

7 This policy is adopted as a temporary policy in accordance with the framework set by District
8 Policy 1900 – Temporary COVID-19 Policies and is intended to govern School District
9 operations for the period affected by the COVID-19 health and safety measures implemented by
10 the School District in response to federal, state or local authorities.

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12 Teachers will grade students as usual in accordance with established classroom or course
13 practices during the grading period in accordance with District Policy 2420 and the Employee
14 Handbook.

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16 The default option for students and parents/guardians is the grade typically assigned for students
17 in the grade level or class which may include an A-F letter grade. Students and parents/guardians
18 may choose to receive a Proficient/Fail or P/F grade in place of a grade typically assigned for the
19 student’s courses. The P/F grade option can be requested by a student and parents/guardians no
20 later than _ calendar days after report cards have been sent to the parents/guardians by
21 submitting a written request to _ the School District’s custodian of records. **Applies High school**

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23 For students or parents/guardians who request a P/F grade, the School District will record the P/F
24 designation using a rubric in which all grades of _ or higher earn a Proficient in accordance with
25 District Policy 1005FE, the School District’s COVID-19 Plan of Action as submitted to the
26 Office of the Governor and/or while emergency declarations relating to COVID-19 are in place.

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28 Students earning course grades converted to a Proficient grade in this temporary P/F option for
29 grading periods affected by COVID-19 health and safety measures will be granted credit for the
30 course and the credit will count towards promotion or graduation requirements and extra-
31 curricular eligibility. Students earning a Fail designation in a course will not earn credit, will be
32 subject to retention consideration, and, if applicable, will be subject to extra-curricular eligibility
33 consequences.

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35 Grades converted to P/F will not be counted toward or against class honors or valedictorian
36 status as outlined in Policy 2410P for classes of students graduating during or after 2020.

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38 The School District will include a designation on the students' transcripts indicating the
39 extraordinary circumstances for any grading period affected by COVID-19 health and safety
40 measures.

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42 Cross Reference: Policy 1005FE – Proficiency Based Learning
43 Policy 2410-2410P – Graduation Requirements
44 Policy 2420 – Grading and Progress Reports
45 Policy 2168 – Distance Learning
46 Policy 2421 - Promotion and Retention

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2 Legal Reference: Section 20-1-301, MCA School fiscal year
3 Section 20-9-311(4)(a)(b)(d), MCA Calculation of average number
4 belonging
5 Section 20-3-324, MCA Powers and duties
6 Section 20-7-1601. Transformational learning
7 10.55.906 ARM High School Credit
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