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Marcial A. Sablan Elementary School

Everything in the future
is unknown. What we
can do in is the present.

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Attendance and Grading

Attendance Expectations

There is a close relationship between academic success and school attendance. Good attendance habits learned and developed in school will be carried over into the world of work. Please remember, every “*school day counts*”. Being absent from “*class*” or from school is the most frequent reason for students failing. A student who comes on time and prepared to “*class*” every day, rarely fails. It is important to note the following definition for class is clarified in each of the learning platforms.

Home Learning: Full Online

1. Teacher will define when or what class looks like, Asynchronous or Synchronous.
2. Teacher will identify regular schedule for their online class (For example: Mondays and Wednesdays, Fridays for Support).
3. Class – Online classes scheduled by the teacher (synchronous), minimum on per week per subject.
4. Teacher will need to identify the online learning management system ahead of time. (For example, Google Classroom).
5. **Attendance will be taken once a week per class.**

Home Learning: Hard Copy

1. Class – School’s identified Hard Copy distribution day. (FOR MARCIAL A. SABLAN E.S. designated “pick-up” and “drop-off” days for hard copy students to include those temporary on hard copy are on Mondays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).
2. Absence: Failure to come to school to pick up/drop off hard copy items on the school’s designated hard copy distribution day.
3. **Attendance will be taken once a week per class.**

Traditional: Face-to-Face (F2F) (when re-opened)

1. Class – Designated school day by last name (Groups A, B, C).
2. Absent: Did not attend class.

“All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them.”

-Walt Disney

Grading

Elementary 1st Quarter

1st quarter will be used as a progress period/grade or point-in-time snapshot for the 1st semester and not a summative quarter grade. This progress period/grade will be reflected as either:

1. Pass (P): Enough evidence to determine passing
2. Not Enough Evidence (NE): Not enough evidence to determine passing.
3. No Grade (NG): No contact with student or no evidence submitted. This grade will remain until changed by the teacher or school official and will not automatically convert to an “F” as per existing policy.

Elementary 2nd Quarter/1st Semester and Beyond

Grading for 2nd Quarter/1st Semester and beyond will reflect a tiered grading system with 5-levels classified as the following categories:

- 4 – Exceeding:** Demonstrates thorough understanding of standards and skills, and performance goes beyond what has been explicitly taught.
- 3 – Proficient:** Demonstrates understanding of content knowledge and skills without assistance.
- 2 – Approaching Proficiency:** Demonstrates some understanding of content knowledge and skills with assistance.
- 1 – Needs Support:** Demonstrates limited understanding of content knowledge and skills only with a lot of assistance.
- 0 – No Grade/No evidence:** No work submitted to make a final determination. (see teacher comments)

Kindergarten Report Card

1. Mid-quarter-Uniform progress reports using the district template that mirrors the topics of Kindergarten report card.
2. Performance Level key will follow grades 1-12.
3. Report Card
 - a. Performance key to include NG for No grade
 - b. Only items that can be graded and assessed equitably are what teachers will be held accountable to report.
 - c. Skills are in line with selected priority standards, skills, and topics (PSST). Exception will be skills in phonemic, blending, and reading sight words.
 - d. NG will be reflected for hard copy students that teachers are unable to assess orally with a comment to be added.
 - e. Mode of Learning to be indicated in report card.

Dates to Remember

November 3, 2020 is a Professional Development Day and there will be no classes. Classes will resume on November 4, 2020 with Learning Packets to be distributed from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and online classes will continue.

November 11, 2020 is Veteran’s Day Holiday and there will be no classes.

November 26, 2020 is Thanksgiving Day Holiday and there will be no classes.

November 27, 2020 is Flexible Make Up Day and there will be no classes. Food Distribution will continue for this day as it is a work day.

Marcial A. Sablan E.S. Guam Shakeout October 15, 2020 at 10:15 a.m.

Staff and students participated in the Guam Shakeout by practicing their survival skills during an earthquake. Thank you to parents who submitted pictures for the school to share.



