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5 Alternative Grading

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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 operations  
9 for the period affected by the COVID-19 health and safety measures implemented by the  
10 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  
17 students in the grade level or class which may include an A-F letter grade. Students and  
18 parents/guardians may choose to receive a Proficient/Fail or P/F grade in place of a grade  
19 typically assigned for the student’s courses. The P/F grade option can be requested by a student  
20 and parents/guardians no later than September 15, 2021, by submitting a written request to  
21 the building Principal of the school in which the student was enrolled.

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23 For students or parents/guardians who request a P/F grade, the School District will record the  
24 P/F designation using a rubric in which all grades of 70% (C) or higher at Belgrade High School  
25 earn a Proficient, and 60% (D) or higher at Belgrade Middle School earn a Pass in accordance  
26 with District Policy 1005FE, the School District’s COVID-19 Plan of Action as submitted to the  
27 Office of the Governor and/or while emergency declarations relating to COVID-19 are in place.

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

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

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

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43 Cross Reference: Policy 1005FE – Proficiency Based Learning  
44 Policy 2410-2410P – Graduation Requirements

