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## AB 104 Parent Guardian Notification

Please be informed that recently passed California Assembly Bill (AB) 104 requires districts to implement supplemental policies as it relates to grading for high school students.

Specifically, AB 104 requires districts to notify parents, guardians or educational rights holder of 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade students can request to have a letter grade listed on their transcript changed to Pass/No Pass for the 20-21 school year. The bill requires the CSU system to accept Pass/No Pass grades and encourages UCs and Privates to do the same. Listing of colleges that will accept these grades for admissions consideration can be found [here](#). Note, that Pass & No Pass grades may not be accepted by all universities including those that are out of state. Please note that parents/guardians **will have until August 17<sup>th</sup>** to request the grade change via the [application form](#).

### FAQ

- **How will Pass or No Pass affect my student's GPA?**

*Pass or No Pass grades will neither positively or negatively impact a student's GPA, as they will be excluded, see examples above or below.*

- **What is a Pass Grade?**

*A Pass grade indicates that a student will earn the entire credit amount, which is typically 5 credits, and they do not have to repeat the course. A pass grade typically is the equivalent of a C grade.*

- **How is a typical GPA calculated for students?**

*Students receive the following points for each grade earned: A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, F=0, Pass/No Pass grades will be excluded from GPA, thus will neither positively or negatively affect a GPA. Note, that Pass will award students 5 credits, while No Pass will be issued 0 credits. See example below:*

**Current Grades**

- English 1 "A"
- Math 1 "D"
- PE "C"
- Art "C"
- Science "C"
- World History "C"

**Total GPA= 2.16**

**After Requested Grade Changed**

- English 1 "A"
- Math 1 "Pass"**
- PE "C"
- Art "C"
- Science "C"
- World History "C"

**Total GPA= 2.40**

- **How do grades affect graduation?**

*Students must earn 5 credits per class in order to complete the specified requirement. Grades of A, B, C, D or Pass all earn 5 credits, while F, Incomplete, NM and No Pass all earn 0 credits.*

- **How do grades affect College acceptance?**  
Students typically need to earn A, B, C or Passing grades to meet the A-G requirements. A list of the UCs, CSUs and Private colleges that will accept passing marks can be found [here](#).
- **How will this affect students completing A-G requirements for college admissions?**  
For students working towards A-G eligibility, converting a “D” grade to a Pass grade will eliminate the need to make up the course and will help keep your student on track to being A-G eligible.
- **How might Pass/No Pass marks affect my student’s financial aid?**  
When applying for California Grants, students’ GPA is used to determine eligibility. Students who earn 3.0 GPAs or higher will be eligible maximum California Grant, while students who earn 2.0-2.99 will have to meet more stringent qualifications and typically be awarded less money.
- **What is a No Pass Grade?**  
A No Pass grade is typically equivalent to an “F” grade where a student will not receive credits for the class and will have to repeat the course to earn 5 credits for the course.

<u>Current Grades</u>	<u>After Requested Grade Changed</u>
○ English 1 “A”	English 1 “A”
○ Math 1 “F”	Math 1 “No Pass”
○ PE “C”	PE “C”
○ Art “C”	Art “C”
○ Science “C”	Science “C”
○ <u>World History “C”</u>	<u>World History “C”</u>
<b>Total GPA= 2.00</b>	<b>Total GPA= 2.40</b>

- **How will Pass grades affect Honors/AP classes?**  
Honors and AP classes that earn C, B or A grades are awarded an extra point in the GPA. In some cases, changing an Honors/AP class to Pass grade may negatively impact overall GPA, see below:

<u>Current Grades</u>	<u>After Requested Grades Changed</u>
○ English 1 “A”	English 1 “A”
○ Math 1 “B”	Math 1 “B”
○ PE “C”	PE “C”
○ Art “B”	Art “B”
○ Biology Honors “A”	Biology Honors “A”
○ <u>AP World History “D”</u>	<u>AP World History “Pass”</u>
<b>Total GPA= 3.00</b>	<b>Total GPA= 3.4</b>

- **My Student received an “A” grade. Should I Change it to a Pass grade?**  
Points are assigned to each grade; an A grade receives the most amount of points. If you choose a Pass grade in place of an A, this can negatively impact your student’s overall GPA in most cases, see example below:

<u>Current Grade</u>	<u>After Requested Grade Changes</u>
English 1A “A”	English 1A “P”
Science “B”	Science “P”
<u>PE “B”</u>	<u>PE “B”</u>
<b>Total GPA 3.33 GPA</b>	<b>Total GPA 3.0</b>

Please contact your school’s administration if you have any additional questions or concerns.