

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WILLOWS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
COUNTY OF GLENN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**RESOLUTION #2019-20-08**

**GRADING DURING EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURES**

**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2020, the Governor of California declared a State of Emergency due to the outbreak and spread of a novel coronavirus (COVID-19); and

**WHEREAS**, on March 19, 2020, the Governor of California issued an executive order directing all individuals living in the State of California to stay home or at their place of residence, with limited exception, until further notice; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 17, 2020 the Willows Unified School District closed schools to protect students and staff against the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, due to safety concerns and the need for ongoing social distancing, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction stated it appears students will not return to school campuses before the end of the 2019-2020 school year; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to ensure the continuation of public education, to the greatest extent possible, while maintaining the health and safety of the students and staff and

**WHEREAS**, the Board is committed to continued teaching and learning, including assessment and evaluation of work, through alternative means during this prolonged period of school closure; and

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative that the Superintendent have the tools to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of students, staff, and families on and off campuses, and to ensure the educational needs of all students are addressed through alternate locations or virtual learning environments;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that during this time of school closures, and until further notice:

1. Teachers shall continue to provide instruction, assignments, and assessments using distance learning tools and resources.
2. The Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with school administrators and teachers to develop and regularly review guidelines for attendance during instruction and the assignment of homework through distance learning and alternative means.
3. Pursuant to Education Code 48205 and Board Policy 6154 - Homework/Makeup Work, students shall be given full credit for makeup work satisfactorily completed

within a reasonable period of time and shall not be penalized for absences during school closures.

4. Students shall be held harmless for their spring 2020 grades and the transition to distance learning.
5. Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement shall be temporarily suspended during the period of school closure.
6. For grades TK-8, teachers shall assign final grades based on students' third-quarter grades or students' grades when the school shutdown occurred, with opportunities to increase the final grade.
7. For grades 6-12, grades shall be calculated in a manner that reflects student achievement and learning and supports the preservation of the progress students made prior to school closure. Final grades shall be determined using all assigned work through the end of the semester.
8. For grades 9-12, students shall be given an opportunity to demonstrate understanding of applicable course content through assessments, projects, portfolios, or other means appropriate to the course content.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Education of the Willows Unified School District on May 7, 2020, by the following vote:

**AYES:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOES:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ABSENT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ABSTAIN:** \_\_\_\_\_

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President, Board of Education

ATTEST:

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Clerk/Secretary Board of Education

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Clerk/Secretary of the Board of Education of the Willows Unified School District, County of Glenn, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by said Board at a meeting held at its regular meeting place on May 7, 2020, which action is contained in the minutes of the meeting of said Board.