Student grades will not be negatively impacted as a result of the school closures and the implementation of our Distance Learning Model. Student grades at the time of the school closures will not be lowered but can be improved upon. Teachers will continue to monitor and support student progress toward mastery of grade level skills and standards. Participating in virtual classes and completing assignments and activities will prepare students with the key skills they need in preparation for next school year, allow them to raise their final semester grade, and may influence placement in next year’s courses.

SMUSD Grading: Hold Harmless Statement

Student grades will not drop below those issued during the second Progress Report. Semester 2 grades will build upon Progress Report 2 grades with multiple opportunities for students to improve their grade throughout the remaining weeks of the semester. Teachers will finalize Semester 2 grades for all students enrolled in their classes, based on the grade selection options of A, B, C, Pass or Fail.

We believe that providing a combination of traditional grades and Pass/Fail is the most equitable for all students. It affords them a far wider set of opportunities to use the April 14-June 10 time period to engage in distance learning, practice and learn new skills, and improve their grades. It also does not place our students at a disadvantage when considering post-secondary options.