

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Throughout the first quarter of the school year, stakeholder feedback was collected regarding the implementation of Policy and Rule 5210: Grading and Reporting. The information garnered from students, teachers, families, and administrators was reviewed to identify common themes surrounding implementation. To address the identified themes, *Addendum A* to the Grading and Reporting Procedures manual was developed, and is being implemented in the second quarter. There are three parts to the addendum:

- Teachers will receive greater clarity regarding the types of assignments that should be factored into the marking period grade.
- Classwork assignments in a variety of forms should account for approximately two-thirds of the overall marking period grade, while more comprehensive assignments, such as unit tests, should account for approximately one-third of the overall marking period grade.
- Schools will develop more consistent procedures around re-do assignments through teacher collaboration.

Addendum A has been added to the Grading and Reporting Procedures Manual. A copy of that manual can be found on the Grading and Reporting Website which can be accessed from the *Parent* tab at www.bcps.org, or directly accessed from www.bcps.org/academics/grading.

Thank you for your input as we continue to collaborate to refine the implementation of this policy.

Sincerely,



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