

Credit/No Credit vs Letter Grade - Explained

Now that we know how your grade for this semester will be figured out, students have a decision to make. Jeffco Public Schools will let you decide how you want a grade to be transcribed..

Choices are:

- ❖ Credit/No Credit (no impact on your GPA)
- ❖ Letter Grade (will impact your GPA)

Something to keep in mind for this semester . . . NO ONE will receive an F as all F's will read "No Credit".

EXPLANATION/REASONING:

- ★ **Credit/No Credit** - Think of this as "Pass/Fail". No letter grade is assigned. If you finish with an A, B, C or D you will receive your credits for completing a semester's worth of work BUT no letter grade will appear on your transcript. **Not factored into your GPA.** If you finish with an F it will simply read "No Credit" on your transcript. (Think of "No Credit" as you took the class but did not do enough work (for whatever reason) to get credit. You didn't fail but didn't do enough.)
- ★ **Letter Grade** - This is the traditional format you've come to know - A, B, C, D. **Factored into your GPA.** As mentioned above, NO ONE will get an F on their transcript so if you finish with an F it will just revert to "No Credit".

BIGGEST QUESTION - "Which option should I choose?" Well, which student are you below

- If you think you will get an A, B or C then the letter grade might be your best option. It will factor into your GPA and will be the most accurate reflection of the work you did for the semester.
- If you think you will get a D or an F then maybe choosing the "Credit/No Credit" option would be best.. Maybe you struggled with the remote learning format or had too much going on to do your best work this semester and don't want to be "punished" for it. If you earned a D great, you still get credit. If you get an F it will be No Credit and Not factored into your GPA.

TIMELINE:

- ❑ SENIORS: If you are taking Credit/No Credit please email your teachers by Friday, May 1.
- ❑ ALL OTHERS: You have until June 5 to let your teachers know you are choosing Credit/No Credit

Teachers will assume that everyone will go with the "Letter Grade" option unless you let them know you are taking the Credit/No Credit option for their course, or you have worked something out with your counselor or administrator.

Second Chance - Credit recovery option

- **FOR ALL STUDENTS** -- If you finish with a 55%-59% (F) you have the option to register for Second Chance and finish some work to still receive credit. Read more [HERE!](#)

Students should discuss their options with their family to make the choice that is best for them in each of their classes. Students should continue to participate and engage in remote learning to the best of their ability. Please refer to [CSH's remote learning grades policy](#) to answer other questions. If there are still questions regarding the policy and what is best for your situation, please reach out to your teachers and counselors to best determine which option students should take for each course.