

The following information is to help you understand grading in middle school for Distance Learning students using Edgenuity:



## Middle School Students Final Exams:

- There will be **no final exams in Edgenuity for middle school students.**
- Many middle school courses have been shortened for students. This should allow students a realistic amount of time to finish before the end of the semester on December 17th, if they have been staying on track with their progress.



## Grades:

- **Overall grade** - is the grade your student has received so far in the course based on what they've completed.
- **Actual grade** - the overall grade, adjusted for progress, if your student is behind. For example, if your student is getting an Overall grade of 90% on assignments, but has only completed 20% of the course completed, their actual grade is going to be much lower than 90% because they haven't completed the work. The Actual grade, **adjusted by the school for any needed accommodations, will be the grade that will be on your student's report card and middle school transcript.**
- Middle schools do have the ability to adjust grades for their students. Please check your Infinite Campus Parent Portal account, your Edgenuity email progress reports and your Edgenuity parent portal for updates on your child's grades. Talk with your student's Distance Learning teachers if you have any questions.



## Time to Complete Courses:

- If your student needs more time after the **end of the semester on December 17th**, they can and should continue working during the Winter break. We strongly encourage students to complete their courses by the end of winter break on January 3rd.
- If they don't complete the course by January 3rd, then they can an incomplete (INC) in the class. Incomplete grades are given at the school's discretion. Families should communicate with the distance learning teachers if you are requesting an incomplete. If they receive an incomplete in the class, they can make up the work during the spring semester (January 2021-June 2021). They will have to do this work **in addition to new classes.** This can be a heavy workload for students and we don't encourage this option. We strongly suggest that students work as hard as they can from now until December 17th.

# Family Tips for Edgenuity and Course Completion



## **Plan for Success:**

- Make an appointment with your distance learning teacher, your student, and the family members that are helping your student at home to stay on track.
  - Bring any concerns you have to the meeting and work together to problem-solve and make a plan for success.
  - Some students find it easier to focus on 2 or 3 classes at a time and complete those first and then move on to the next 2 classes to complete.



## **Know your student's grades and Monitor progress**

- Request access to the Edgenuity Parent Portal so you can see how much time your student is spending each day in completing their work.
- Check your weekly parent progress report emails
- Keep encouraging you student to work towards completing assignments



## **Create a Schedule for Completing Courses and Maintain that schedule**

- Check-in with your student on daily progress



## **Ask for Help with Content, Advocate, Connect**

- If your student gets stuck with difficult content in a course, ask your school for resources
- Encourage your student to advocate for themselves with school staff, asking for resources to be successful.
- Encourage your student to reach out to their peers as a support network. Kids can be a great resource to other kids.