

Semester Grading Policy for Online Students

Due to the fact that Aventa and Keystone High School conform to a self-paced environment with no specific deadlines for assignments, BOCES has supplied each online student with pacing charts to keep on pace. The online course providers do not use the quarterly system and provided one final grade or two section grades when the course is completed. When calculating semester grades, BOCES will follow the pacing chart that indicates the assignments that should be done by each marking period so the student will not fall behind and is working on task with traditional students.

Based on the chart dates the student will know what needs to be completed during the specific grading periods.

For example, if a Psychology student should have finished his/her "*Lesson Four Exam*" by the end of 4/3/11, based on the pacing chart, BOCES would look at the **Date** for which the assignment was submitted by the student. Then BOCES would calculate an average based on when the assignments were submitted by the end of the marking period due date provided by the local school district. If the "*Lesson Four Exam*" was submitted past the local school district deadline it would be averaged as a "0" by BOCES when calculating the semester grade. The quarterly grades are estimates of student progress and are not used to calculate the final grade.

Since the online teacher does not have "deadlines", the ability to grant an *extension* is not part of Advent's and Keystone's criterion, as there is not a specific date or time required for the assignments to be submitted due to the self-paced course environment. If an extension is granted, BOCES will need to be notified by the local school district. Otherwise, BOCES will calculate grades based on this information and the above guidelines.

The year end grade provided by BOCES will be taken from the final grade awarded by the online provider.

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