

School Reach

4-21-2020

Re: Clarification of student work and next packet pickup.

Payson CUSD#1 Families,

I have two items for you this evening. The first is to clarify the remote learning expectations and the second is the next packet pick up.

1) As we work to finish the school year in remote learning I just want to remind you and your child of the expectation. We are not yet in summer mode. Teachers are working to provide lessons and activities that are appropriate for remote learning. There is an expectation for your child to be engaged in the learning and to complete the activities via online or paper packet. According to Illinois State Board of Education guidelines, the students are given a pass or an incomplete for their 4th quarter remote learning work. If the students earn a 4th quarter incomplete, then the student receives an incomplete for the semester which means they don't earn 2nd semester credit for the class. Students will have 5 days to complete the work upon returning to school. However, this is a lot of work to try and make up in 5 days.

If a student chooses to not return teacher phone calls and, does not complete provided packets, does not sign on to meetings (and has internet access) or does not complete the lessons assigned via google meet, then the student will earn an incomplete and not earn 2nd semester credit. For freshman, sophomores and juniors this will impact the number of credits you earn towards graduation. For 8th graders this could count towards meeting the requirements to be eligible for driver's education class as a freshman next year. If ISBE gives us different guidance, then we will make changes and let you know.

Bottom line, teachers are reaching out to parents and students. Please communicate to them your situation if your child is having trouble. Please return their phone calls. We are trying to make this process as doable as possible for all students. We all have our own set of circumstances, so please communicate with your child's teacher. Last thing any of us want is for a student who wants to be engaged in their own learning to receive an incomplete.

2) Next pickup and drop off will be next week Tuesday, April 28 from 8:30-11:30. You can drop off completed work in the bins provided. We are working on ways to allow for more frequent drop off times.