

Grade Change Policy

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Students will be subject to the grading policies of individual teachers in satisfying course requirements. The Governing Board and administration reserve the right to change or amend those policies that undermine the mission, vision, and values of the school or that could place the school in legal jeopardy, but allow for the autonomy within classrooms and subjects that chartering has championed over the years.

With regards to work that may possibly be finished after term grades, an I or Incomplete will be awarded. The teacher, student and parents will confer as to a reasonable time frame to hand in such work. Once the Incomplete work has been completed, a grade will be given. This is in line with the overriding aspect of this policy that individual teachers set their course objectives and policies. An I will not negatively impact a term GPA as no grade value exists and no credit has been earned until the grade change takes place. For extracurricular participation, where no grade value exists and no credit has been earned nor denied, a student carrying more than one incomplete grade (without an IEP or 504) will not be allowed to participate in a sport, an activity, or other special event until all incompletes are made up. If a student has an F and an I, they are on warning or probation much as if they had two Fs.

Teachers who determine their individual policy will not allow grade changes of any kind, must still allow for an I grade due to extenuating circumstances (including but not limited to death, grave or serious illness, issues at home that may not allow for a 504 but certainly have disrupted the learning of the student, etc.) and based on federal law (section 504 of the Civil Rights law and ESEA or Special Education law). Any such individualization must be explicitly spelled out in the disclosure documents that are required for each class taught. Grade changes that teachers may make must be sent via email or in writing to the Counseling Department. The Administrative team may create an adhoc grade change review team to change any grades if sufficient evidence exists that a teacher acted irrationally or did not maintain Rockwell professional standards.

This policy is deemed necessary to protect all stakeholders on various levels. At no time may Rockwell's grading policy allow the school to operate at less than the minimum standard expressed in federal or state law, state board rules, or overall school policies.