Dear Proctor Families,

The COVID-19 outbreak has disrupted day-to-day life, with most colleges and secondary schools moving to remote classes for the spring - It will be the year of the asterisk!

Recognizing the challenges of the current academic landscape, Proctor Academy has decided to move to a Pass/ Fail grading system for the spring trimester. This direction allows us to keep our focus on learning and growth while realizing each student comes to the table with different challenges and circumstances related to distance learning in their unique home situations. Our revised grading policy has been adopted by most colleges and followed by many at the secondary school level; we are not alone.

Each day more and more colleges and universities are releasing communications voicing their support and understanding of a Pass / Fail direction. It is clear they will be flexible when evaluating transcripts and academic course work. Beyond the sample of schools listed below, the University of California system is also in the process of reconsidering its evaluation policy. Additionally, the NCAA has indicated they will move forward in the best interest of the student-athlete. It is clear; going Pass/ Fail will not negatively impact an admission decision unless a student fails.

The spring trimester is about moving forward, finishing what was started, and preparing for next year. Will it be different, awkward, and uncomfortable? Yes! However, with any new adventure comes an opportunity for learning and growth. Students need to jump into their courses with purpose, excitement, and engagement. Down the road, they will need a teacher recommendation to get into a class, and all students will need a letter of recommendation for college. Students need to embrace the moment and take inspiration from our motto, “Live to Learn, Learn to Live.” Our faculty will notice!

All the best,

E.Michael Koenig
Director of College Counseling
Tulane University

My high school is going pass/fail. Is that OK?
Whatever your school does, we’ll support it. If you have only P/F in the second semester, we’ll totally understand. It might mean we put a bit more emphasis on your first semester, but we’ll also completely understand your circumstances. If you’re currently on an upward trend, we’ll make the assumption that that trend would have continued in the second semester. We’ll give you the benefit of the doubt in every single way we can. Tulane just announced that students can opt to take their classes Pass, Minimal Pass, Or Fail, so we get it. Go to your online classes, do the best you can, make your presence felt, try your hardest. We’ll notice, trust me.

Florida State University

Pass/Fail Grading
If your school has decided to change their normal grading system this year to reflect Pass/Fail grades, we completely understand this decision. At FSU, we offered a Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory option to our own students enrolled in the Spring term. Pass/Fail grades will not negatively impact your admission status as long as you pass! For all other students enrolled in high school, Pass/Fail grades will not negatively impact your ability to be considered for admission in 2021 and beyond.

The Ohio State University

Pass/Fail Grades on Transcript
Our office has received several questions about our stance on schools moving to pass/fail in the last grading period. We support a school’s decision to exercise this option and would ask that you include a notation on the transcript or in the school profile that you used P/F in a grading period.