Waynesboro Area Middle School

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Dear WAMS Families,

WAMS is making a subtle change to its grading structure for Math and ELA WIN courses, beginning this school year. If you are in receipt of this letter, your learner will be affected by this change. Traditionally, WIN (What-I-Need) classes have been graded on a traditional grading scale. The change taking place adjusts away from the traditional grading scale (i.e., A, B, C, D, F) to a more simplified Pass/Fail. WIN classes are not credited classes and do not count towards GPA/QPA measurements.

Math and ELA WIN classes are unique and nuanced, where teachers most often meet the needs of the individual students in the class on a variety of academic levels and across numerous skills and/or concepts covered in the curriculum. Because students work across many different tasks and assignments, the Pass/Fail grading system provides a more accommodating and accurate way to assign student grades.

All Math and ELA WIN teachers will continue to keep and maintain teacher gradebooks, which will focus on student effort, engagement, and participation in the variety of individual learning tasks that take place each day in the WIN classroom.

The change will take place at the end of the first Marking Period, October 22nd, and then will be viewable on the Report Cards when released on October 26th.

Thank you for your attention to this letter. If you have any general questions about the change, please call the WAMS office at 717-762-1191, extension 1300. For more specific questions about the gradebook, you can directly contact your child's Math or ELA WIN teacher.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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