

- ***Can MSDE offer credit by exam, or do local school systems make those decisions?***

Local school systems (LSS) may offer credit through exam per [COMAR 13A.03.02.04\(I\)](#). This would typically be done through MCAP, AP, IB, SAT Subject Tests, etc. If these options are no longer available, the LSS will have to determine how to securely assess students through resources currently available to them.

- ***What are the promotion expectations from one grade to the next?***

Per COMAR, promotion decisions are locally determined. Further information on promotion is contained in the Maryland Student Records Manual.

- ***How will third quarter grades be collected and report cards be distributed? How will fourth quarter grades take place?***

LSSs will need to take into consideration the amount of time out of school (when that decision is made); there could be an extension of the time of the grading period.

- ***Is pass/fail an option for third and/or fourth quarter grades?***

Local school systems may use a pass/fail option as outlined in their grading and reporting policies. Grading as defined by COMAR is a local decision. (See [COMAR 13A.03.02.08](#))