Non-Academic Competency Update

Beginning with 2nd semester 2020, first-time credit Thompson Online Courses will have a Work Habits score added into the grade book. This score will be worth 10% of the total points in each class. This is in line with grading practices district-wide at the high school level.

This additional grade category will increase alignment with Thompson School District’s STRIVE 2025 goals and provide meaningful feedback to students and families about the importance of Self-Agency in an online academic environment. As with any academic class, if students are not demonstrating competency, it may negatively affect their grades.

We hope to help students understand the importance of Self-Agency and improve their ability to stay on track, decrease stress, and generally realize more success in their online classes.

How can students demonstrate this non-academic competency?

- The student self-manages and takes ownership of work, actions and goals
  - Follows the class or individualized Pacing Guide and stays on track with progress throughout the semester

- The student demonstrates responsibility including the ability to learn and persevere in their work and actions
  - Communicates respectfully with teachers and students in the online courses
  - Turns in work in the proper format, as needed for each class

- The student self-reflects to positively affect work, actions and goals
  - Reads and utilizes teacher feedback on graded assignments, discussions, and tests

The Work Habits score will be visible under the Grades tab within each TOL class. Students will be assessed on Work Habits 2-3 times per semester. If students are engaged in their coursework throughout the semester, they will have the opportunity to improve their grade through Work Habits scores just the same as if they are not consistently engaged and wait until the last minute to submit work, their grades could be lowered by as much as 10% due to poor Work Habits scores.

If you have questions about this new grade category or other concerns, please email any one of the teachers or call us at 970-613-5989.

Respectfully,

Thompson Online Campus Team