

Dear Parents and Guardians of Smoky Hill English students:

The English Department utilizes the same grading policy that Smoky Hill High School implemented to begin the 2022-2023 school year. In short, this policy eliminates the traditional 0% in a student's grade.

For each of your student's subjects, though, this may look a little different based on the differing nature of what work and mastery looks like in a given subject. As you look through your student's English grades this year, use the information below to help navigate and understand some possibly unfamiliar codes.

NHI 40% = "Not handed in."

- This assignment was not turned in to the teacher and is marked as "missing" with an orange icon. It is scored as 40% in the student's overall grade.

NE 50% = "No Evidence"

- This score indicates that, while the student turned the work in, the work that was turned in was *incomplete*, and the work present shows little or no effort to demonstrate a level of understanding of the given skill or concept.
 - For example, if the student was expected to turn in an entire essay, and the student only turned in part of one body paragraph, this student may receive an "NE" in the gradebook.

NU 55% = "No Understanding"

- This score indicates that the work your student turned in was *complete*, but the given work shows no understanding of the skill or concept.
 - For example, if the student completes a project, but the work present scores a traditional 34 out of 100 points, clearly, this student has not demonstrated full understanding of this given skill or concept. The grade the student will receive in the gradebook will be an "NU."

In addition, keep your eye on the student deadlines for work submission. While students will be eligible to demonstrate improved mastery of a given skill throughout the entirety of the semester, in order to do so, they must submit their original attempt of a given assignment by the student assignment submission deadlines. These deadlines occur every four-to-five weeks, coinciding with two deadlines each quarter.

If you have any questions or need any clarification, please do not hesitate to reach out, and we will work together to make sure that, like always, we get what is best for your student.

Let's have an awesome year,

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