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RE: State Testing Grade Enhancement Policy

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

The AzM2 assessments provide students, teachers, and parents with information about how a student is progressing academically in English Language Arts and Mathematics. It is important that students perform their best on these assessments to accurately assess their academic progress. In order to motivate students to put forth strong effort, students are eligible to positively impact their semester grades in courses aligned to the high school AzM2 assessments. The grade enhancement policy provides an incentive for students to do well on the tests, as well as in their course of study in preparation for the assessments.

Tenth grade students who earn a **Proficient** score on the AzM2 ELA or Math assessment will be eligible to raise their final semester grade(s) by one letter grade up to a **B** for the courses aligned with the assessment. Students who earn a **Highly Proficient** score on the AzM2 ELA or Math assessment will be eligible to raise their final semester grade(s) by one letter grade up to an **A** for the courses aligned with the assessment. No course grade will be lowered due to poor performance on the high school AzM2 assessments. No course grade will be enhanced if the grade has been enhanced previously.

The grades for all semesters of the aligned course(s) could be raised as long as the course(s) was/were taken prior to the AzM2 assessment and taken with DVUSD. Semester courses aligned with the AzM2 ELA assessment include ELA 1, ELA 2, ELA 3, ELA 4, and the honors versions of the courses as well as any English Language Development Writing course taken in 9th and 10th grades. Semester courses aligned with AzM2 Math assessment include Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Geometry 1, Geometry 2, and the honors versions of the courses.

Please visit url.dvusd.org/GradeEnhancement for additional information and updates.

Respectfully,

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