

6 weeks vs. 9 weeks FAQs

How will this affect UIL eligibility?

At the secondary level, students will still be assessed on whether they are passing (obtaining grades of 70 or better in all classes) following each grading period.

The only exception occurs during the start of the school year; students must have passing grades in all their classes by the end of the first six weeks of school, as per UIL policy. After this, they will have three weeks to meet passing levels (the end of the nine-week grading period).

Subsequent grade checks will occur at the end of each nine-week grading period.

After 6 Weeks of School – Check Eligibility (Failing student will become ineligible)

End of 1st 9 Weeks of School – Check Eligibility Again (Failing student will become ineligible, student who was failing at 6 weeks but is now passing will regain eligibility)

After 1st 9 weeks ends – check eligibility at 3 weeks & 6 weeks (students can only regain eligibility at those checks, they cannot lose it)

Check eligibility at the end of each 9 weeks (students can lose or regain eligibility at this point)

Please see the “2020-2021 Secondary Grading Guidelines” for the official eligibility calendar for Hughes Springs ISD.

Will parents receive a progress report every three weeks?

Yes. Parents will still receive a progress report every three weeks. As always, parents are also able to view their child’s up-to-date grades online at any time via Skyward Family Access.

At some campuses these will be mailed, at others they will be sent electronically via email through our Skyward system. Please see each campus handbook for specifics.

Are other school districts utilizing a nine-week grading period system?

Several Texas schools have transitioned to a nine-week grading period system, including Round

Rock ISD, Clear Creek ISD, San Angelo ISD, Killeen ISD, Texas City ISD, Humble ISD, Fort Bend ISD, Denton ISD, Socorro ISD, Bullard ISD, Lampasas ISD, Conroe ISD, McKinney ISD, Prosper ISD, Lake Travis ISD, Pearland ISD, Lewisville ISD, Schulenburg ISD, Grand Prairie ISD, Duncanville ISD, Spring ISD, and others.

Local districts using 9 weeks – Daingerfield, Pittsburg, Queen City, Linden, Bloomburg & New Boston to name a few

Would the semester still end before Christmas Break?

Yes!

How will this impact the district calendar?

The implementation of a nine-week grading period system will have no impact on the district calendar, other than the grading periods. It will not affect any holidays.

Will this change the number of assignments required each grading period?

Yes, please see the official 2020-2021 Elementary Grading Guidelines and the 2020-2021 Secondary Grading Guidelines to see the number of assignments required each grading period.