

Parent/Guardian Consent Form for Pass/No Pass Grading

A parent of legal guardian must sign this form before a student may take a course pass/no pass. This form should be returned to the Counseling Office. Follow directions listed on the lower part of the page. PLEASE PRINT!

I hereby give my permission for: _____
Student's Name

to take the course listed below using the Pass/No Pass grading system. I understand that Wilson HS and School District #1 bear no responsibility for this decision.

Official Course Title: _____

Period: ____ 1st semester ____ 2nd Semester ____ All year: ____ (check one)

teacher signature

counselor signature

Dated: _____

parent/guardian signature

Year in school: 9th ____ 10th ____ 11th ____ 12th ____

Curriculum Vice Principal Signature

Students, please follow these important directions:

1. Fill in the necessary information on this form (name, course title, period, semester or year you are requesting, and your year in school).
2. Read letter and instructions on the reverse side of this form. Take this form to your parent/guardian to be signed.
3. Take this form to teacher of the class you have elected to take pass/no pass and have him/her sign it. Teachers must make note of the fact that the student is taking the class on a pass/no pass basis.
4. Take form to counselor for signature.
5. Take completed form to the main office for the Curriculum Vice Principal's signature. Make sure entire form is filled out.
6. *Return the completed form to the data clerk so that your plans can be recorded.*

Pass/No Pass Grading

Pass/No Pass grading is designed to encourage students to explore unfamiliar courses and attempt more difficult academic classes without the stress of endangering their GPA.

Students at Wilson have an opportunity to take one unit of credit per year on a Pass/No Pass basis. Students may select one of the following options: 1) one full-year course; 2) one half-year course; 3) two different half-year courses.

All required courses must be taken for a grade. For example, Physical Education cannot be taken Pass/No Pass because it is a core graduation requirement. A fourth year of math, however, may be taken Pass/No Pass because the graduation requirement of three credits has been met.

To apply for Pass/No Pass consideration students must do the following:

1. Complete the written request for Pass/No Pass grading on the reverse side of this letter. The request will not be processed without parental consent.
2. Review the request with their counselor. Request the counselor's signature for approval.
3. Review the request with the teacher of the course they plan to take Pass/No Pass. Request the teacher's signature for approval.
4. Review the plan with their parent(s)/guardian(s).
5. Submit request, with all required signatures, to the Curriculum Vice Principal prior to the 3rd week of the semester in which they plan to take the class.

The Definition of Pass/No Pass:

A "P" is given as a substitute for a letter grade of "C", "B", or "A". Even if the student earns an "A", once Pass/No Pass is chosen, "P" will appear as a final grade. An "NP" is given as a substitute for a letter grade of "D" or "F". Neither "P" nor "NP" affects a student's GPA.

A student program with a maximum of four Pass/No Pass units of credit acquired during four high school years will seldom create problems with colleges. Pass/No Pass units of credit will, however, cause a slightly higher reliance on such factors as tests, class rank, and interviews. Whenever possible, it is best to take Pass/No Pass in NON-ACADEMIC subjects and to avoid it in a possible major field. Specialized schools look less favorably upon an applicant when they see a "Pass" in their subject.

Sincerely,

Maude Lamont
Curriculum Vice-Principal