

INSTRUCTION

Eleventh Grade Research Writing

In keeping with Prince William County School Board Policy, all students shall complete a research paper as a condition of successful completion of English 11. Instruction shall be provided according to specified requirements.

The eleventh grade research paper shall meet the following grading requirements:

- A. A paper that is scored at **1.9 or above** shall be considered a passing paper.
- B. A paper that is scored at **1.8 or below** shall be considered a failing paper. A student receiving a 1.8 or below from central scoring shall **fail the research writing** requirement necessary to pass English 11.
- C. A student who has **successfully completed English 11 classroom requirements, but has not been assigned a 1.9** or above on the research paper must:
 - 1. Attend a special class in night school to complete a passing research paper, or
 - 2. Attend a special class in summer school to complete a passing research paper, or
 - 3. Attend a tutorial series developed at the school level to complete a passing research paper.
- D. A student who receives a score of **1.9 or above** on the research paper, but **does not pass his/her classroom work shall not pass English 11**. The student must repeat English 11 including the research paper.
- E. The research writing paper score is used solely to determine the English 11 research paper pass/fail. The final score on a research paper shall not be used in determining a student's final class grade. Rather, the individual steps of the research writing process shall be graded by the classroom teacher and factored into the student's final classroom grade. The weight of any grade in the research paper process shall be consistent with the Prince William County Public Schools grading policy.
- F. Scoring results shall be reported to inform teachers, students, and parents of student performance across and within the domains of research writing.

G. All failing papers (1.8 or below) are automatically appealed. The scoring company conducts the appeal. A third rater re-scores and analyzes each research writing domain in the paper. Students who pass on appeal receive an Individual Student Score Report. Students who fail receive the Individual Student Score Report and the Appeals Score Report. The Appeals Score Report provides a list of strengths and weaknesses in each domain.

The Associate Superintendent of Instruction is responsible for implementing and monitoring this regulation.

Grade 11 Research Writing Procedure

Procedures to be followed in the research writing project for English 11 include the following:

1. The students are required to submit two copies of the research paper to teachers for scoring and for school records.
2. Teachers shall submit the students' papers to the Office of Assessment and Evaluation according to the scoring schedule.
3. Student results shall be returned by the Office of Assessment and Evaluation to the Guidance Department at each high school. Guidance shall provide copies to the administrator for language arts and the language arts teachers. The language arts teacher shall distribute results and discuss the results with students.
4. The Guidance Department shall communicate results to parents. A letter shall be provided for use in this communication.
5. Grade reports for students who fail the research writing requirement but pass eleventh grade English shall be marked incomplete until students have passed the requirement.
6. Students who attend the night or summer school 20-hour tutorial class to complete the research writing requirement must use their original paper as they re-examine the fourteen-step process in an effort to improve the research paper.

Students who fail to complete the fourteen-step process in the eleventh grade research writing project may attend a 45-hour tutorial which is designed to guide their successful completion of the research writing requirement. Students shall not use a previous paper in this tutorial, but must begin with a new topic.

7. Students who have failed the research writing requirement and have passed the course requirements for Grade 11 English may enroll in Grade 12 English.