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GRADE NON-DISCLOSURE POLICY

We want NewU students to get the most out of their learning and personal growth experience, and we believe the pursuit of grades for the sake of employment or other competitive purposes gets in the way of collaboration, teamwork, and community. We also want NewU students to support and collaborate, rather than compete with each other throughout their learning experience and studies.

In keeping with the spirit of learning and cooperation at NewU, we do not disclose personally identifiable course grades or GPA to anyone outside of NewU. No one at NewU shall disclose personally identifiable student grades or GPA to any party outside of NewU. NewU student transcripts shall only display a Pass/Fail designation where normally a numeric grade would be listed.

We will still grade our student's academic performance, so that they and our professors and administrators know how students are doing academically relative to classmates, and to ensure students are meeting the minimum NewU academic standards. Again, personally identifiable student grades will be only between the student, the relevant NewU professors, and NewU administrators.

To make this policy a meaningful mechanism for enhanced collaboration between our students, NewU students are also expressly forbidden from sharing their own grades to anyone outside of NewU, as outlined in the Student Contract. Failure to comply with the Student Contract terms is a serious offense and is subject to disciplinary action all the way up to termination of a student's matriculation status at the university.

NewU understands that some students might need to disclose GPA to external parties to qualify for financial aid, admission to graduate school, or job placement. In such instances, NewU may release a student's personally identifiable GPA score and transcript showing the student's actual grades only if the requesting organization refuses to make exceptions to their policy, and only upon a written request by the student to NewU authorizing NewU to release actual GPA or grades.

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