



Dear YES Prep Families:

We're so proud of our students' hard work in online learning! After our first week of online learning, 94% of students turned in at least one assignment.

We will continue to post the most up to date information at <http://tinyurl.com/brayscovid19>. The YES Prep system wide family guide is also available here. Below you will find new important information regarding student work requirements and other important updates:

Update on the Closure

To protect the health of our YES Prep family from COVID-19, **our campuses will remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year.**

Though our buildings are closed, there is no pause button for YES Prep students' education on their path to success in college and beyond. Our parents and staff are the superheroes driving our ability to [#KeepYESPrepLearning](#). Distance learning will continue until the end of this school year, and we'll continue to update you every Friday. Plus, stay tuned for details on fun, virtual events to celebrate Senior Signing Day, graduations, and more.

Student work requirements for the remainder of the school year

All assignments are due by 2:00p.m. on Fridays going forward. Our requirements for the number of assignments to complete will remain the same each week.

Number of Assignments for Students to Complete Each Week	Additional Information
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ELA: 3 • Math: 2 • Science: 2 • Social Studies: 2 • Foreign Language: 2 • Seminar: 2 • Electives: 2 for each class • All AP classes: 3 • College Prep Exit Tickets: 2 (one Monday, one Friday) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every teacher will be holding 2 hours of office hours per day (1 in AM, 1 in PM, or a 2-hour block). • Have your student check in with his/her teachers for any help with work, or just to say "hi!"

Grading Policy for the Remainder of the Year

While we plan on tracking and assigning grades for the remainder of the closure, we also want to honor the variable challenges that our students and families face in managing online learning. Our grading policy is on the YES Prep website and outlined below:

For A5	For A6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For A5, grades will be finalized based on assignments completed prior to Spring Break. • No grades on assignments completed after March 12 will be assessed for A5. • Assignments not completed during A5 will be excused. Any assignments that could have been reassessed will be graded at a 70, if the original grade was a 69 or below. • You can check grades in the Home Access Center at any time. <i>If you would like access to your Home Access Center login, reach out to your Grade Level Chair or Dean of Students.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For A6, students will receive equally-weighted, achievement-based grades on assignments based on the mini-lessons in each class. • Grades in A6 can only improve students' scores for the semester; as such, we encourage students to correct their work, but we will not offer graded reassessment opportunities. • CA2 will still count as 7% of the semester grade, with the exception of courses that did not test prior to closure. • For students in special populations, students will be graded on assignments on the same timeline in A6 and only on assignments with the appropriate accommodations, modifications, and supports.



Weekly Parent Communication

You can expect communication from the Brays Oaks team in the following ways:

- We will post on Social Media and Microsoft Teams daily to update students on deadlines, challenges, and more.
- We will send out a parent email every weekend and will update <http://tinyurl.com/brayscovid19> with the most up to date information.
- We will send our School Messenger alerts on Wednesday and Friday to parents if students have not yet turned in any work for the week.
- Every family member will be assigned one staff member contact. We will check in regularly to answer questions you might have, collect information, and share pertinent updates!

Best Practices for Students Each Day

1. Check "Brays Oaks Student Updates" and social media for announcements and deadlines
2. Check Grade Level Teams channels for any particular information
3. If there's a College Prep exit ticket, make sure it's turned in by 4:00pm
4. Make sure all classwork is turned in by 2:00pm on Friday.

Meal Distribution Through Closure

Meal distribution will continue next week at YES Prep Brays Oaks on Monday and Thursday from 11:00am-1:00pm. Please remember if you are feeling any symptoms of illness, you are unable to participate in the meal program.

During meal distribution, you can receive breakfast and lunch for multiple days. Note that you must have at least one child under the age of 18 with you to receive meals. If you cannot bring your child with you, you can present their student ID at meal pickup.

Links for Teams Video Tutorials

We know most of our students are new to using Teams, so we have compiled several videos by teachers that show students how to do different things on the Teams platform. [Click here to reach those videos online.](#)

Link for Teacher Office Hours

All teachers hold at least two hours of "office hours" on Teams so that students can reach out to their teachers with questions or to ask for help. [You can find all the teachers' office hours listed on this document, by grade level.](#)

Device Access

We know some families are still in need of devices, and we will contact you if and when they become available. Please note that all assignments can be completed on the Microsoft Teams application on student cell phones.

Who to Contact with Questions

Please feel free to reach out to your Dean of Students with any questions! Note that the building is closed – please do not come to the campus to seek information.

Best wishes,

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