




## FAMILY GUIDE

**Keep YES Prep Learning will enter Week 7 on Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> thru Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**

Thank You!	
	<p>This unprecedented time of a global pandemic has presented many challenges, and we recognize that supporting your children in their continued learning in the midst of this crisis has been no small feat. We are inspired by the resilience and resolve that all of you—the families of YES Prep’s nearly 14,000 students—have shown as we transformed our entire system to remote learning. We are grateful for all that you are doing to support the success of your children as we finish the 2019-2020 school year in remote learning.</p>

### Most Important Information You Need to Know for Week 7

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Overview of Important Topics	MS Weekly Overview	HS Weekly Overview	Grading	Summer Credit Recovery	AP Testing	The YES Prep Senior Experience
	*NEW*	*NEW*		*NEW*	*NEW*	*NEW*

### 1 • Overview of Important Topics in Week 7

For Week 7, all assignments are due on Monday 5/18 at 8 AM.

New Week 7 schedules for Middle and High School.

\*NEW\* AP exams begin in Week 7.

\*NEW\* Summer Credit Recovery Information





















\*NEW\* Class of 2020 graduation announcements

## 2 • WEEK 7 OVERVIEW (updated every Friday)

Week 7: May 11<sup>th</sup> – May 15<sup>th</sup> for MIDDLE SCHOOL (4-5 Hours a Day)

<b>What will MIDDLE SCHOOL students do Week 7?</b>	<p>For week 7, students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve their use of tools (Microsoft Teams, Forms and Outlook)</li> <li>• Continue to engage with their campus and teachers</li> <li>• Engage in College Prep and academic lessons and assignments (2-3 lessons per course)</li> </ul>
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### MIDDLE SCHOOL SAMPLE SCHEDULE of LESSONS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
05.11.2020	05.12.2020	05.13.2020	05.14.2020	05.15.2020
<b>Community Connection</b> Activity 7.1 	<b>Community Connection</b> Activity 7.2 	<b>Community Connection</b> Activity 7.3 	<b>Community Connection</b> Activity 7.4 	<b>Community Connection</b> Activity 7.5 
<b>College Prep</b> Lesson 7.1 	<b>Student Choice</b> 	<b>Student Choice</b> 	<b>Student Choice</b> 	<b>College Prep</b> Week 7 Reflection 
<b>ELA</b> Lesson 7.1 	<b>Science</b> Lesson 7.1 	<b>ELA</b> Lesson 7.2 	<b>Science</b> Lesson 7.2 	<b>ELA</b> Lesson 7.3 
<b>Math</b> Lesson 7.1 	<b>Social Studies</b> Lesson 7.1 	<b>Math</b> Lesson 7.2 	<b>Social Studies</b> Lesson 7.2 	<b>Math</b> Lesson 7.3 

Lessons 7.1 will be posted **no later than 12 PM on Monday**, Lessons 7.2 will be posted **no later than 12 PM on Tuesday**, and Lessons 7.3 will be posted **no later than 12 PM on Wednesday**.  
 Students enrolled in any of the following courses will have an additional 2 lessons:





















Reading Intervention (2)	Math Intervention (2)
World Languages (2)	Electives for HS Credit (2)

### 3 • WEEK 7 OVERVIEW (updated every Friday)

Week 7: May 11<sup>th</sup> – May 15<sup>th</sup> for HIGH SCHOOL (4-5 Hours a Day)

<b>What will HIGH SCHOOL students do Week 7?</b>	<p>For week 7, students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve their use of tools (Microsoft Teams, Forms and Outlook)</li> <li>• Continue to engage with their campus and teachers</li> <li>• Engage in College Prep and academic lessons and assignments (2-3 lessons per course)</li> </ul>
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#### HIGH SCHOOL SAMPLE SCHEDULE of LESSONS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
05.11.2020	05.12.2020	05.13.2020	05.14.2020	05.15.2020
<b>Community Connection</b> Activity 7.1 	<b>Community Connection</b> Activity 7.2 	<b>Community Connection</b> Activity 7.3 	<b>Community Connection</b> Activity 7.4 	<b>Community Connection</b> Activity 7.5 
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Students enrolled in any of the following courses will have an additional 2 lessons:

World Languages (2)

Electives (2)

**\*NEW\*** AP courses will have a total of 2 lessons, regardless of the content area. If a student is taking their AP exam next week it will count as 1 of the 2 lessons.

## 4 • How will YES Prep grade equitably during closure?

### During A6 (April 6<sup>th</sup> – May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020)

#### Grading During Keep YES Prep Learning: Policy

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. Common Assessment 2 will still count as 7% of the semester grade, except for courses that did not test prior to closure.

### At the End of the Semester (May 2020) - How will Semester 2 grades impact GPA?

#### GPA: Policy

**YES Prep is committed to making decisions that are equitable and in the best interest of our students. Because of this commitment, we will include Semester 2 grades in student GPAs using a process that will determine the best academic outcome.**

For each student we will:

1. Calculate Semester 2 grades both with AND without the A6 average. We will choose the higher Semester 2 average. This will make sure that A6 can only improve the Semester 2 grade.
  2. We will then include Semester 2 grades into the cumulative GPA.
- We conducted a thorough analysis of the potential impact of including and excluding S2 grades in our student's cumulative GPA. After reviewing student data and a variety of secondary and post-secondary policies, we have concluded that including final S2 grades in our students' cumulative GPAs will most value the efforts of our students and families and **bring the most benefit to our students for future college and scholarship applications.**



#### Grading During Keep YES Prep Learning for Students in Special Populations: Policy

- 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.
- 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.

#### Grading Timeline

Report Type	Grade Reports Available in the <a href="#">Home Access Center</a>
Report Card for A5	Friday, April 17 end of day
Progress Report for A6	Wednesday, April 29 end of day
Report Card for A6	Friday, May 29 end of day

**\*NEW\*** Campuses will be mailing your student's final report card by Friday, June 12th.

## 5 • Summer Credit Recovery

### \*NEW\* Summer Credit Recovery

YES Prep will be offering a Distance Learning Summer Credit Recovery program for any high school student that did not earn a passing grade for a core course during the 2019-2020 School Year. Due to the current closure, our Summer Credit Recovery program will be offered through an online platform called Edmentum PLATO (currently used for Spring Credit Recovery). YES Prep staff supporting students during Summer Credit Recovery will continue to utilize Microsoft Teams for communicating with students and hosting office hours and tutorials. Our goal is to ensure YES Prep students that would benefit from regaining the credit prior to the next school year have the opportunity to do so. As a reminder, the grading policy during the closure has been included below.

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The YES Prep Credit Recovery program will be available for 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade students that need to regain a first semester or second semester core course(s) (Math, English, Social Studies, or Science). Students and families will be informed of final grades by Friday, May 29, 2020 when the Report Cards are posted to the [Home Access Center](#). Additionally, campuses will communicate directly to any student/family that requires Credit Recovery to regain a core course(s) credit or be promoted to the next Grade Level.

Registration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Families will need to Register by June 3 at 11:59pm</li> <li>Students and Families can register for Summer Credit Recovery by going to <a href="https://Yesprep.org/creditrecovery">Yesprep.org/creditrecovery</a> and completing the Summer Credit Recovery Registration Form</li> <li>Students can register for a maximum of 3 semester (1.5 credits). If your student requires more courses, please communicate to your home campus.</li> </ul>
Cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Free of charge</li> <li>Due to the impact of COVID, Summer Credit Recovery for the 2019-2020 School Year will be <b>free of charge</b> to families. Please note that this is a one-time cost waived and future Credit Recovery will have an associated cost.</li> </ul>
Credit Recovery Dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>June 2 or June 4:</b> Mandatory student and family virtual meeting will take place to ensure students and families know how to sign into the program and check their progress and have an opportunity to meet the summer staff that will be supporting their student</li> <li><b>June 8 - July 1:</b> During this window, students can work on their course(s) as their own pace. Regular office hours will be held Microsoft Teams to support students struggling with the content.</li> </ul>
Grades	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Summer Credit Recovery grading policy will closely mirror the Keep YES Prep Learning Grading Policy. Any work not turned in will receive a 50% and the lowest a student can receive from any turned in assignments is a 70%.</li> </ul>
Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If your student is currently using a YES Prep Laptop you will receive guidance on when the laptop should be returned. If your student needs to take Credit Recovery, and is currently using a YES Prep Laptop, they can continue to use it for Summer Credit Recovery and return it at the end of the program.</li> </ul>

In order to earn credit for the course, the student must successfully complete the program by July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 with a passing grade. Failure to do so will result in the student not earning credit. Depending on the course or the number of missing credits, the student will be retained or need to re-enroll in the course the following year putting them behind in the credits needed to graduate.

If you have any questions about your student's final grades or which course(s) they need to enroll in for Summer Credit Recovery, please contact your campus's Dean of Students or Director of Student Support.

Campus	DSS	HS Dean
Northside	Lisa Greene	Shelia Williams
Fifth Ward	Adrienne Brown	Luis Macias
North Forest	Raymond Paylor	Timothy Nelson
North Central	Lilian Macias	Ike Moten
White Oak	Damilola Adesina	Kiona Davis
Northbrook HS	Keith Donkor	Kierra Gregory
Eisenhower	Jessica Swope	Ashley Thomas
Southeast	Hoang-Ahn (Bina) Dao	Nahaira Briz
East End	Megan Zimmerhanel	Brittney Jones
Southside	Marcus Rucker	Kyle Kenan
Brays Oaks	Natalie Garcia	Christopher Basham
West	Addison Feind	Deja Laws
Southwest	Tim Tran	Aaron Madson
Gulfton	Cecilia Aguilar	John McCreary

#### FAQ:

**What if my student doesn't have a laptop or access to the internet?** When families register, we are asking questions about this to ensure we can fill the gap by reallocating laptops and wi-fi to students that are enrolled in Summer Credit Recovery.

**What if my student is retained, can they still take Summer Credit Recovery?** Yes, your student can still take Summer Credit Recovery courses. Please talk to your campus to determine which courses they should register for.

**How do I know what courses to register for my student for?** Your students report card will show any courses they failed and did not earn credit for. If that course is a Core Course (math, English, science or social students) than they should re-take it in Summer Credit Recovery.

**Can I register my student in a course to help them get ahead?** No, we only offer Summer Credit Recovery to re-gain credit that was attempted and not earned.

## 6 • Advanced Placement (AP) Testing

### How will YES Prep ensure that all AP students are able to be successful in Spring 2020 AP Testing?

#### On AP Testing

At YES Prep we expect all students to take the AP exam for courses they are enrolled in to increase their college readiness.

#### On AP Fees

YES Prep families will not be required to pay any outstanding or unpaid AP testing fees for Spring 2020.

### \*NEW\* AP Exams begin in Week 7



Our first round of AP Exams begins in Week 7.

Monday, May 11	
11:00 am	Physics C: Mechanics
3:00 pm	US Government and Politics
Tuesday, May 12	
1:00 pm	Calculus AB and BC
3:00 pm	Human Geography
Wednesday, May 13	
1:00 pm	English Literature & Composition
Thursday, May 14	
11:00 am	Spanish Literature & Culture
1:00 pm	Chemistry
3:00 pm	Physics 1: Algebra Based
Friday, May 15	
1:00 pm	United States History
3:00 pm	Computer Science A

Each AP course will have a reduced number of assignments this week to account for AP testing.

Each exam will last approximately 45 minutes, and students should be logged in to the testing platform 30 minutes early.

To support your student in having the most successful experience, please consider:

- ✓ Reviewing the [Getting Ready for Exam Day](#) checklist, including logging into the AP exam demo.
- ✓ Reminding them of the importance of the exam. Remember, success on the AP exam can earn them valuable college credit.
- ✓ Having them check their email to ensure they have been receiving emails from the College Board including their testing information. (If not, they should tell their AP teacher immediately.)
- ✓ Providing them with a quiet workspace with minimized distractions during the time of their exam.
- ✓ Reducing internet usage on other devices during this time. Avoid streaming television shows, browsing the internet, etc. to provide maximum bandwidth for their device.

Thank you for your support and for more information about AP exams please visit:

- <https://www.yesprep.org/covid19/academics/ap>
- <https://apcoronavirusupdates.collegeboard.org/>
- CollegeBoard
  - [Getting Ready for Exam Day](#)
  - [AP Exam Schedule 2020](#)
  - [Taking the AP Exams](#)
  - [FAQs](#)
  - [Live and on-demand AP Resources & Review Schedule](#)



## 7• The YES Prep Senior Experience



### Graduation Updates

A top priority for YES Prep is celebrating your students' accomplishments over the last seven years while students at YES Prep. After gathering input from seniors at every campus, we have developed a three-part plan to celebrate the Senior Class in fun and engaging ways during these unprecedented times.

### Graduation and Senior Signing Day

#### VIRTUAL GRADUATION



YES Prep Virtual Graduation Ceremonies for each campus will occur on May 29th - 31st, 2020.

- We will mark the end of the Semester with Online Commencement. Our online ceremonies will occur within the same time frame as our original dates for YES Prep's Graduation Ceremonies (May 29th - 31st, 2020). Each school will have an individual ceremony live-streamed online.

*NEW*	FRI, MAY 29	SAT, MAY 30	SUN, MAY 31
9:00 a.m.	Eisenhower	Southeast	Brays Oaks
12:00 noon	White Oak	North Forest	East End
3:00 p.m.	Northside	West	Southwest
6:00 p.m.	Fifth Ward	North Central	Gulfton

#### SENIOR SIGNING DAY

Virtual Senior Signing Day will be aired on May 19th at 7:00 pm. Although we won't be at NRG this year, we have plenty of surprises up our sleeve to make it a meaningful and memorable virtual event!

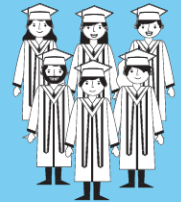


[Click here to learn more!](#)

- We will be hosting an online Senior Signing Day on May 19th, 2020.

#### IN-PERSON GRADUATION

YES Prep is committed to offering IN-PERSON Graduation celebrations this summer in early August at the Bayou City Event Center.



- YES Prep is committed to offering IN-PERSON Graduation Celebrations this summer. These ceremonies are scheduled, tentatively, for August 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> (assuming that by these dates, public health restrictions on gatherings will relax). The celebrations will take place at the Bayou City Event Center, where past YES Prep Classes graduated.

### What You Can Expect for Graduation

We are still in the planning process for our Graduation ceremonies. However, we want you to know what you can expect at each event.

At the Online Commencement Ceremonies in May, the Senior Class will have the opportunity to hear from their commencement speakers. They will also have their degrees conferred upon them by their Principal. Your family and guests will be able to watch the live stream and celebrate as your senior's name is called.

The in-person Graduation Celebration in August will be a chance for seniors to walk across the stage while you cheer them on. This ceremony will be a graduation like no other - a unique way, in a unique time, to celebrate your students' accomplishments.

\*NEW\* We have loved celebrating our Seniors this week during the Cap and Gown Pick Up Car Parades! Check out the exciting celebrations covered by [ABC 13 News](#). Be sure to check out your



campus social media accounts as well for more videos and photos! We just found out about the city-wide graduation announced by the Mayor for certain school districts and wanted to share that this does not change our commitment to the virtual graduation in May and in person graduation in August that we have planned to celebrate with our seniors and their families. We are looking forward to those unique and exciting celebrations to build off the incredible energy our Class of 2020 brought to the Senior Car Parades and their Senior Signing Day reveals! We will provide more information about what to expect for YES Prep Graduations next week.

### Partnership Schools Campus-specific Graduation and Prom Policies

- YES Prep Eisenhower will follow YES Prep policies for graduation and prom.
- YES Prep Northbrook HS will follow SBISD policies for graduation and prom.

### Next Steps for Graduation

- Check your campus's family messaging, social media, and your student's Senior Seminar Teams for additional updates from your school about the day and time of your school's ceremonies.
- Finally, if your students have not submitted their Declaration Video for Senior Signing Day yet, please encourage them to do so. YES Prep is committed to celebrating your students' accomplishments and their plans for after graduating YES Prep.

### Senior Spotlight Social Media Campaign

The Senior Spotlight on Social Media Campaign is an initiative to bring a positive and personal spotlight to each senior with a special recognition from campus staff and teachers. Each senior will be featured in a campus social media post so be on the lookout! Additionally, we want the Families of Seniors to be able to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of their senior.

YES Prep knows how important senior year is for families and we want to give you a fun way to celebrate your graduating student by way of a branded Facebook frame! See example below:



To update your Facebook profile picture with the frame, follow the instructions below.

1. On your Facebook profile, hover over/click on your profile picture and click "Update" or "Add Frame"
2. Search "YES Prep" and click your child's corresponding campus' "Senior Family" frame
3. Finally, click "Use As Profile Picture" and voila!

### Prom Update

The Class of 2020 Prom that was scheduled for May has been officially cancelled. We know that our seniors are disappointed to be missing this important Senior milestone and many had already purchased something special to wear for the evening. At this time, there are no plans to host a Senior Prom at a later date this summer due to the challenges of practicing social distancing during an event. We encourage students to get dressed up, dance with loved ones in their living room, and take photos to share on social media. Campuses that elect to host a "virtual prom" will communicate directly with students and families. Although we will miss seeing our seniors dressed up for a night of dancing, we cannot wait to see them dressed in their Caps and Gowns during In-Person Graduation in August!

