



Dear YES Prep Families:

It's hard to believe we are about to enter the second week of May! There are only three weeks of school left for the 2019-2020 school year, and we have some updates around online learning, Senior celebrations, AP exams, and our grading policy for Semester 2.

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:

### Senior Events Update

We are so excited to celebrate our class of 2020 in their last month at YES Prep Brays Oaks! Here's a summary of all upcoming senior events:

- Tuesday, May 19th at 7 PM: Broadcast of Senior Signing Day video
- Wednesday, May 27th at 9:00am: Live Robing Ceremony with staff and students on Microsoft Teams
- Sunday, May 31st (tentative): Virtual Graduation
- Saturday, August 1st or Sunday, August 2nd: In person graduation at the Bayou City Event Center

### End of Year Timeline for Students

Its hard to believe that we are almost finished with the 2019-2020 school year! Although things look differently than they have in past years, we want to finish strong! Here are some updates about the final few weeks of school.

- **Week of May 11-15:** Online learning will be the same as previous weeks, with the same number of assignments for each class.
- **Week of May 18-22:** Online learning continues, but with a reduced number of assignments for each class.
  - 2 assignments for ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies
  - 1 assignment for Electives, Seminar, Reading Intervention, and AP classes that tested the week of May 11-15
- **Week of May 25-28:** There will be no assignments given this week, but instead we will host cultural activities each day from 9:00a.m. to 11:00p.m.

### AP Exams: May 11-May 22

Students will be taking their AP exams online between Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> and Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The schedule below shows when the exams will occur. Each exam will last approximately 45-60 minutes, depending on the exam, and students should be logged in and ready a few minutes before the time begins.

<b>Tuesday, May 12</b>	AP Calculus
<b>Wednesday, May 13</b>	AP English Literature
<b>Thursday, May 14</b>	AP Spanish Literature, AP Physics
<b>Friday, May 15</b>	AP US History
<b>Monday, May 18</b>	AP Environmental Science
<b>Tuesday, May 19</b>	AP Psychology
<b>Wednesday, May 20</b>	AP English Language
<b>Thursday, May 21</b>	AP World History
<b>Friday, May 22</b>	AP Statistics, AP Spanish Language

All AP teachers will be holding office hours right before the examinations in order to make sure students are prepared. Additionally, please remind your students of the following:

- Students should be ready to log on using their testing ticket at least 30 minutes before the exam starts.
- They should find a quiet workspace with minimized distractions during the time of their exam.
- Reduce internet usage on other devices during this time. Avoid streaming television shows, browsing the internet, etc. to provide maximum bandwidth for their device.



- Remind them of the importance of the exam. Remember, success on the AP exam in May can earn them valuable college credit.

### **GPA for Semester 2**

YES Prep is committed to making decisions that are equitable and in the best interest of our students. Because of this, 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 with AND without the A6 average. We will choose the higher Semester 2 average. This will make sure that A6 can only improve Semester 2 grades.
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 students' cumulative GPA. After reviewing student data and a variety of policies, we have concluded that including final Semester 2 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.

### **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.

### **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,

Stephanie Gounder  
Principal, YES Prep Brays Oaks