



Dear YES Prep Families:

We have finished our first week of online learning! This has not been easy for anyone, but we are so happy about how many students have been logging into Teams and getting work done. As of Friday morning, 91% of students completed at least one assignment on our online learning platform! Thank you to all the families who have been working hard to make sure your students stay engaged in school and continue learning through this new online platform.

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:

Student Work Requirements for Next Week (April 6-9)

All assignments are due by 2:00p.m. on Thursday, April 9th. Assignments are being tracked and graded. ***There is no school on Friday, April 10th.***

Number of Assignments for Students to Complete	Additional Information
<p>Students are required to complete 2 assignments for every class in which they are enrolled.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ELA: 2 • Math: 2 • Science: 2 • Social Studies: 2 • Foreign Language: 2 • Seminar: 2 • Electives: 2 for each class • College Prep Exit Tickets: 2 (one Monday, one Thursday) 	<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 outline 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. 	<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.

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 Thursday this week (no school on Friday)



School Closure Extended

As you have likely heard from the news or social media, Governor Abbott announced that [schools are to remain closed until, at least, May 4th](#). In addition to this announcement, Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo extended **the Harris County “stay-at-home” order through Thursday, April 30th. Per these directives the soonest that YES Prep buildings will reopen is May 4th**. YES Prep buildings will remain closed until they are safe to reopen, and we will not endanger students or staff with any attempts to prematurely reopen.

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.

Special Education Services During the Closure

We're still holding ARDs and providing Special Education teachers throughout the closure. Special Education teachers began reaching out last Friday with updates about Special Education services. Please look for a call from your child's special education teacher this week.

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.](#)

Device Access

We know some families are still in need of devices, and we will contact you if and when they become available.

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
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