

August 28, 2020

Dear YES Prep Families,

It's been an unprecedented week! We officially kicked off the new school year with all our students learning online; fortunately evaded a very powerful hurricane; all while continuing to navigate our daily routines during a pandemic. Please know that YES Prep remains committed to supporting our families during these challenging times and the safety and wellbeing of our students and staff—whether virtual or in person—will always be our top priority. Thank you again for your patience this week as we paused online classes to brace for the uncertainty of the storm's impact.

First Week Highlights

Our first week of virtual learning was a success. We saw you share countless photos of your child's home setup in preparation of online classes and we are thrilled to see our families' resiliency and enthusiasm to kick off the start of the school year. Please know that YES Prep remains laser focused on providing rigorous instruction for all students, every day, in every class. As a reminder, all students should be accessing their online classes through Microsoft Teams, every day for live (synchronous) and independent (asynchronous) instruction. Attendance *is* taken for every class so be sure your child is logging on each day according to their schedule. Please visit our [Academic Information](#) page on our website to learn more and **if you haven't already**, please be sure to complete the [Back-to-School Family Checklist](#) to ensure your student is ready for online classes.

What to Expect Next Week

Elementary (K-2) Schedule:

Elementary daily Light Your SPARKS schedules for the week of August 31st elementary schedules are linked here in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

K-2 students will continue to engage in synchronous instruction during their scheduled block of time via Microsoft TEAMS with their teacher and a small group of classmates. Students will continue to engage in week two at-home asynchronous paper-based reading and math activities, logging into Imagine Learning Math software daily, and engaging in other at-home asynchronous activities outlined on their daily schedule.

K-2 students will also participate in a beginning-of-year online Reading Math diagnostic assessment on Monday, August 31st and Tuesday, September 1st and an online Reading Fluency Assessment on Thursday, September 3rd during their live instruction with their teacher. These reading assessments will provide valuable information to your child's teacher to inform instruction. It is important to have an adult present during this block of time in order to support your child accessing and navigating the assessment platform. More information on this assessment can be found [here](#). Your child will participate in a beginning of year math diagnostic assessment the following week.

Secondary (6 – 12) Only Schedule Change:

Next week secondary schedules will be adjusted, spreading out synchronous learning throughout the day.

- “Synchronous” represents times that secondary students will participate in Teams video meetings. Secondary students will go to their Team and join meetings on the “Lessons” channel.



- “Asynchronous” represents times that secondary students will work independently or receive supports individually or in small groups.

The general schedule is below. Please follow any campus or student-specific guidance you received and reach out to your campus with any questions.

Time	Course	Format
8:30 - 9:25	Homeroom + Course 1S	Synchronous
9:25 - 10:10	Course 1A	Asynchronous
Transition/ Break		
10:15 - 11:00	Course 2S	Synchronous
11:00 - 11:45	Course 2A	Asynchronous
Transition/ Break		
11:50 - 12:40	Lunch/ Advisory	
12:40 - 1:25	Course 3S	Synchronous
1:25 - 2:10	Course 3A	Asynchronous
Transition/ Break		
2:15 - 3:00	Course 4S	Synchronous
3:00 - 3:45	Course 4A	Asynchronous

Device Distribution

If your student is still in need of a device, please call your [school front office](#) during office hours. They will provide next steps. If you still need access to internet, please complete [this form](#) to request assistance with internet access.

Reopening “In Person” Plans and FAQs

Campuses are tentatively set to reopen on Monday, Sept. 21—as conditions permit. We will continuously assess conditions and work closely with state, local and health officials to determine if additional online-only learning is required. We maintain the option provided by TEA to request up to four additional weeks of online learning through Oct. 19 if needed. This announcement pertains to partnership schools in Aldine and Spring Branch ISD as well.

To learn more about our in-person reopening plans and protocols for the 2020-2021 school year, including health and safety measures to help keep the virus out of our schools, see our [Frequently Asked Reopening Questions](#).

We appreciate your patience as we navigate these unprecedented and fluctuating circumstances. We will continue to monitor guidelines and recommendations from state and local officials, and we will continue to update our website with the latest developments.

We look forward to Week 2 of online classes!

Thank you