



October 6, 2021

Dear Parents,

We are excited to share that we have added several new teachers to our Virtual Academy. We appreciate your patience as we continue to improve our student support and services.

Students will not have instruction on Friday, October 8th, due to district staff development, and there will be no classes on Monday, October 11th, due to the observance of Columbus Day. Classes will resume on Tuesday, October 12th.

During the week of October 12th through October 15th, students will be administered the Beginning of Year (BOY) assessments provided by the Texas Education Agency (TEA). The assessments will be virtual and will follow the schedule listed below. Results of the assessment and data will be provided immediately to teachers. The data will be used to help develop appropriate instructional plans to address gaps in student learning as we begin tutorials in the upcoming weeks.

During testing days, students will only see **one connect session in K12**. Students must log in to their Class Connect session in K12 to receive the link to the testing session and be counted present for the school day. They will be required to stay logged in to the connect session with their camera on as teachers are monitoring the testing session. After the test is complete, students will work asynchronously throughout the day on assigned classwork provided by their teachers.

Testing Days are as follows:

Tuesday, October 12th, 2021: 9:00 a.m.	6 th , 7 th , 8 th Grade Math, Algebra I, Geometry
Wednesday, October 13th, 2021: 9:00 a.m.	6 th , 7 th , 8 th Grade Reading, English I
Thursday, October 14th, 2021: 9:00 a.m.	6 th Grade and 8 th Grade Science, 9 th Grade Biology (7 th grade students will continue with their regular classes.)
Friday, October 15th, 2021: 9:00 a.m.	9 th Grade Social Studies (6 th , 7 th and 8 th grade students will continue with their regular classes.)

We wish all of our families a safe and enjoyable long weekend. Please feel free to reach out, if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

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