

FCAO Orientation

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FCAO courses - 3 different platforms

Schoology: Psychology, CCE, Personal Finance, Health, SAT Prep, Keyboarding, History of Rock & Roll

APEX: Marketing, Business Law, Sociology

Edgenuity: All other courses (~60 courses at the HS) + all FCAO courses at DMS

Schoology Courses (HS only)

- Includes: Health, Psychology, Personal Finance & Investing, SAT Prep, College & Career Essentials, Keyboarding, History of Rock & Roll
- Courses are not self-paced. Generally, assignments are due weekly.
- Points taken off for late work. Very late work may not be accepted at all. Late work policy available in the teacher's syllabus/welcome letter.
- Grades are available on Powerschool just like in-school classes.

APEX Classes (HS only)

- Marketing, Business Law, Sociology
- Classes are not self-paced; students are expected to stay on track. Late work policy is explained in the syllabus.
- *Progress grades* will be entered into Powerschool every 3 weeks, but these grades are *for information only*. They do not count towards the course final grade.
- Quarter grades are the *Grade To Date* in the APEX dashboard on the last day of the quarter.
- Weekly parent emails with your child's progress report available from APEX. **Let me know if you want added.**

DMS Edgenuity Classes

- All DMS FCAO courses are on Edgenuity.
- FCAO classes are asynchronous but not self-paced. We expect students to follow the course calendar – *available to the student by clicking on the NAME of the course.*
- Weekly or daily parent emails with your child's progress report available from Edgenuity. Parent portal also available for even more information. Let me know if you want added.
- The final course grade is the *Relative Grade* on the last day of the school year.

HS Edgenuity Classes

- Edgenuity classes are not self-paced. The HS classes* utilize the same weighting as our in-school classes:
 - 40% Q1
 - 40% Q2
 - 20% Final Exam
- Exceptions: World language courses, year-long courses.
- Weekly or daily parent emails with your child's progress report available from Edgenuity. Parent portal also available for even more information. Let me know if you want added.

Edgenuity: 3 Grades

- Edgenuity calculates 3 grades for your student - each are different and all are important.
- **Overall Grade:** Grade on work the student has submitted
- **Actual Grade:** Overall grade adjusted down if the student is behind in their progress
- **Relative Grade:** Any incomplete assignments, quizzes, tests are set to zero - whether the assignment is late or not. The relative grade is meaningless until near the end of the course.

Edgenuity Classes

Edgenuity courses are weighted as follows:

40% *Actual Grade* at end of Q1

40% *Relative Grade* at end of Q2

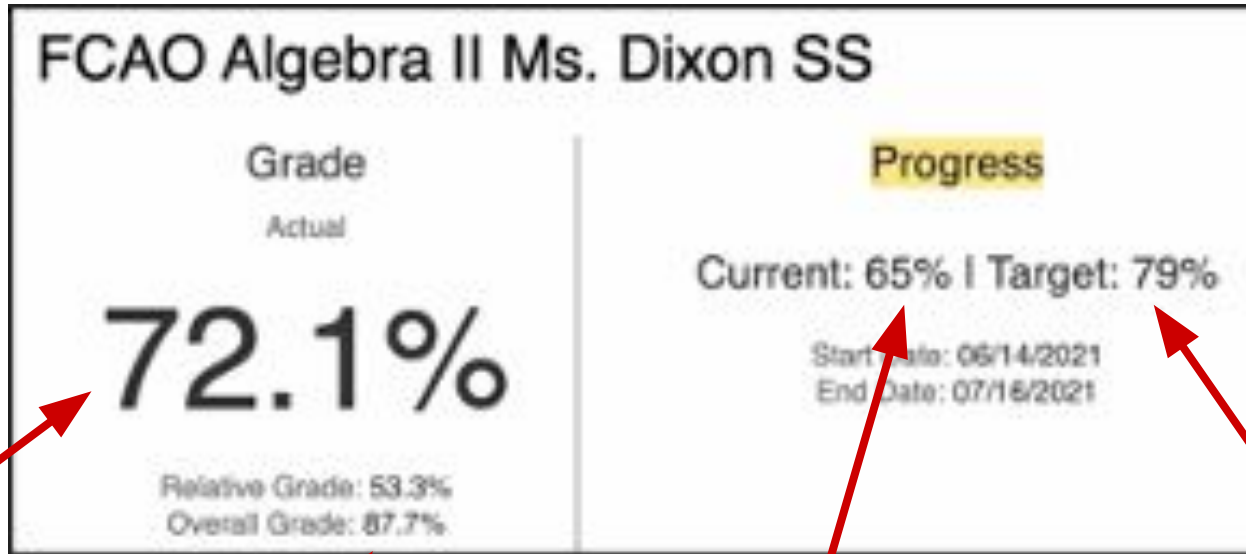
20% *Final Exam*

EXCEPT: World Languages, year-long courses

Let's check out Edgenuity

I'm logged in as a student.

The Edgenuity progress email for parents:



Actual Grade

Overall Grade

Student's Progress

Target Progress

Plagiarism

- Handled the same as in an in-person class, the student is given a 0 on the assignment. Multiple instances result in escalation of disciplinary action.
- Google translate = cheating. The world language teachers can very easily discern if a student used a translator because they know which tenses are introduced in each class level. If a child knows more than the typical Level 2 student, they can make their case and do a writing sample with the teacher.
- Plagiarism = cheating. Edgenuity has a built-in plagiarism checker, plus our FCAO teachers are very experienced. The student handbook discipline escalation for cheating applies to online classes as well. Use of AI to create an assignment is considered plagiarism.

FCAO Office

- Room 115
- The FCAO Office is a quiet spot to work on their online classes.
- It is open every day QRT, 1st period, and 4th period.
- If an online student wants to come in for a longer period of time on a regular basis, they can be scheduled into a study hall.

What if you need help?

- For content questions...email or visit your FCAO teacher.
- For everything else....email Mrs Reilly
(stephanie_reilly@fcasd.edu)

Anything that is keeping a student from making progress needs be fixed. We can't know if an online student is having an issue unless they let us know. We can really fix any problem we know about.

It's RARELY the system's fault.

How does attendance work for fully online students?

- Attendance & progress is checked every Monday for *every fully online student*.
- If a student is on track (not behind), they are considered in full attendance for the previous week.
- If a student falls behind, we will institute strict attendance monitoring and we will expect the student to work 4 hours/day until they are caught up. Days in which that student doesn't work 4 hours will be marked absent.

How does attendance work for 1st period flex students?

1st period flex:

- QRT teacher marks them absent.
- When they arrive and sign in on the iPad, their attendance is automatically changed to Present.
- If they arrive late for 2nd period, they'll sign in as Tardy.
- NOTE: The student handbook states that students with more than 6 tardies can lose their parking pass.

Being an online student...

- Requires some different skills than taking an in-school class.
- It's up to the student to log on and make progress.
- Every school day, Edgenuity has assignments to be completed. If the student fall behind, the number of assignments owed quickly grows.
- It's also in the student's power to get ahead! Students can finish the class early or plan ahead for busy times.
- The online teachers are right here in the building, they would love to help your student!
- It's very helpful to take notes while they are watching the instructional videos.
- All of the supports at FCAHS are available to FCAO students, including the math help center during QRT, school counselors, back on track time after school.

Being a parent of an online student...

- Stay on top of them, particularly in the beginning of the semester. Once a student gets in the groove of working online, it goes really smoothly.
- Check grades and progress:
 - Daily/weekly emails from Edgenuity (or APEX)
 - Powerschool for Schoology classes
- Email me with any concerns, attendance questions, tech issues – anything at all that keeps them from progressing. *Note - it's very rarely the system's fault :)

Questions?