



A DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PUBLIC
CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK

Virtual Parent Meeting: End of Quarter 3 Quarter 4 and Beyond

Thursday, April 30, 2020



Norms

1. Stay engaged
2. Speak Your Truth
3. Experience Discomfort
4. Accept and Expect Non-closure

*Courageous Conversations About Race

Virtual Norms

- Use the chat!
- Jump in with questions.
- We will send presentation via email post meeting



Topics:

- Our Beliefs about Distance Learning
- New Important Dates!
- Q3 + Q4 Workbooks & Grading
- End of the Year Virtual Activities
- Wellness Resources
- Re-enrollment
- FAQ



How do WE think about Distance Learning?

- **Parent Ease**: The system we put in place must **provide support to and for families**. The information and the process need to be **user-friendly and accessible for parents**, if they are expected to teach and assist scholars at home.
- **Supports our most vulnerable**: The system that is put in place must be a system that **supports our most struggling learner or household**.
- **Prevents Learning Loss**: We serve a population that is dependent upon us for quality instruction. Because of this, our floor for **virtual learning up to this point was to prevent learning loss, not to introduce new concepts or skills**. With closure being extended through the end of the year, our quarter 4 plans go above and beyond this minimal expectation and introduce new skills and information to scholars. Learning hours are more important than ever.



Our Beliefs about Distance Learning

Achievement Prep recognizes our scholars have different levels of access and supports while experiencing learning at home.

Because of this, scholars' grades will not be negatively impacted during this time of distance learning.



NEW IMPORTANT DATES!

Monday, April 27 th		STAFF PD DAY, No School Activities for Scholars (including Virtual Learning Hours)
Monday, April 27 th		Quarter 4 distance learning begins for scholars
Tuesday, April 28 th and Wednesday, April 29 th		Families drop off completed Q3 scholar work <u>and</u> pick up Q4 scholar materials
Monday, May 11 th		Quarter 3 Report Cards available for review in PowerSchool Parent Portal
Friday, May 15 th		Distance Learning lessons end for scholars
Monday, May 18 th Tuesday, May 19 th		Families drop off completed Q4 scholar work
SPIRIT WEEK	Monday, May 25 th	SCHOOLS CLOSED: Memorial Day Holiday
	Tuesday, May 26 th	Parade
	Wednesday, May 27 th	Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences (held via Zoom) Sign Up info forthcoming
	Thursday, May 28 th	ES and MS Pep Rally
	Friday, May 29 th	Virtual 8th grade Graduation Virtual 3rd grade Promotion Ceremony Last Day of School Year 19-20
Monday, August 3 rd		First day of school for new & returning ES scholars

A black and white photograph of four students standing in a school hallway. From left to right: a girl in a dark sweater and plaid skirt, a boy in a dark sweater and light pants, a girl in a white polo and plaid skirt, and a boy in a dark polo and dark pants. They are all smiling and have their arms around each other. The text 'Q3 Workbooks & Grading' is overlaid in red. The background shows a hallway with a bulletin board on the left and a door with the number '215' on the right. The students' sweaters and polo shirts have 'ACHIEVEMENT PREP' written on them.

Q3 Workbooks & Grading

Quarter 3 is Officially Over!

Quarter 3 Workbook Drop-Off...

*Families should have **dropped off all completed workbooks** to date for Quarter 3 grading and **pick up Quarter 4 materials** during the following dates/times:

- **Tuesday, April 28th between 10:00am - 2:00pm**
- **Wednesday, April 29th between 1:00pm - 5:00pm**
- **We will have one last drop of this Friday, May 1st between 1:00pm - 5:00pm**

If you are unable to come in-person, please contact us to arrange a digital upload at:

Elementary - ESremote@achievementprep.org

Middle - MSremote@achievementprep.org



Quarter 3 Grading Timeline + Reminders

April 28th-29th

Families drop-off completed scholar materials

May 4th - 7th

Teachers grade submitted scholar materials

May 11th

Quarter 3 Report Cards available in [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#)

Reminders:

- Quarter 3: February 3rd - April 24th
- Scholars' grades will not be negatively impacted during this time of distance learning. Grades can only improve.
- Scholars who do not complete distance learning work by the specified timeline will not be penalized and will receive the quarter 3 grade they earned as of March 13, prior to the closure.
- [Review Quarter 3 Grading FAQ here](#)



Any Questions re: Quarter 3?



A black and white photograph of two students sitting at a desk in a classroom. The student on the left, a young man with dreadlocks, is smiling and looking down at an open book. The student on the right, a young man with short hair, is looking towards the first student. The background shows large windows and a bright, airy environment.

Now moving to Quarter 4 End of Year Grades & Promotion Policy

Quarter 4 Learning & Grading

Our current situation requires a **shift in our grading policies and procedures**. Our scholars have **varied levels of access and supports** while experiencing learning at home. Because of this, we have crafted a grading policy that provides opportunities for **scholars to demonstrate what they have learned that will not negatively impact their overall grades**.

Virtual Teaching & Learning Hours Continue

There will be no changes to the times of our [Virtual Teaching & Learning Hours](#).

- Learning Hours are conducted daily via ZOOM: 9AM-11AM and 2PM-4PM.
- Physical Education available daily via ZOOM: 11:15AM-11:50AM and 12PM-12:45PM. *(This is not for a grade)*
- *****Remember families - scholars will have new information in this quarter's materials so learning hours are critical. They need teacher support.*****
- Teachers will continue to support scholars during learning hours through various means including, but not limited to, mini-lessons, clarifying misconceptions, small group or individual instructional support, modeling thinking, and reviewing scholar work and providing feedback.



Quarter 4 Grading Policy

- Quarter 4: Begins April 27th through end of school year
- Scholars will receive either a Pass (P) or No Grade (NG) for Quarter 4.
- A Pass would be assigned when a scholar completes the assigned work in the Distance Learning Workbooks.
- A 'NG' would be assigned when a scholar does not complete the assigned work in the Distance Learning Workbooks.
- For the Fourth Quarter, a Pass would factor into final grades as a 100%. An 'NG' would not factor into the final grade calculation.



End of Year Final Grade Calculation

1. If a scholar earns a “P” during Quarter 4, it would equate to a 100 for Quarter 4. It would then be averaged with the other three quarters, each quarter counting as 25% of the final grade.
2. If a scholar receives an “NG” during Quarter 4, it would not factor into the final grade calculation. The other three quarters would be averaged, each counting as approximately 33% of the final grade.
3. Families will have access to Quarter 4 and EOY report cards in PowerSchool beginning on Tuesday, May 26. **Parent teacher conferences May 27th.**



Promotion and Retention Policy

- No scholar will be penalized from progressing to the next grade due to the absence of in-person intervention supports available during this period of extended school closures. **By May 15**, school leaders will reach out to the families of scholars who were not on track for promotion prior to closure and/or who are not meeting promotion criteria to discuss what is in the best interest of the scholar for next school year.
- For the 2020-2021 SY, no scholar will be retained unless the family and the school agree that it is in the scholar's best interest. In addition, scholars who have already been retained once should not be retained for another year even if the family and school agree that retention would be in the scholar's best interest.



Quarter 4 Workbook Drop-Off

- Families should drop off all scholar work for Quarter 4 on these dates:
 - Monday, May 18th between 10AM - 2PM
 - Tuesday, May 19th between 1PM - 5PM
- Reminders will be sent to families by email, robocall, the Achievement Prep website and all Achievement Prep social media platforms.
- *If you have difficulties getting to us on those dates, contact us at:*
 - Elementary - ESremote@achievementprep.org
 - Middle - MSremote@achievementprep.org



Quarter 4 Grading Timeline + Reminders

May 18th - 19th

Families drop-off completed scholar materials

May 26th

Quarter 4 & EOY Report Cards available in PowerSchool

May 27th

Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences

Final Report Cards available in [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#)

Reminders:

- Quarter 3: April 24th - EOY.
- Scholars will receive either a Pass (P) or No Grade (NG) for Quarter 4.
- Final EOY grade will be an average of all quarters completed.



Any Questions re: Quarter 4 or EOY?





End of the Year Virtual Activities

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APrep Virtual Events

- Tuesday, May 26th: PARADE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- Wednesday, May 27th: Virtual Parent-Teacher Conference
- Thursday, May 28th: PEP RALLY!!!!!!!!!!
- Friday, May 29th:
 - 8th Grade Graduation
 - 3rd Grade Promotion Ceremony

LOOK AHEAD 20/21SY

- Monday, August 3rd: First Day of School



Parent Satisfaction Survey: Remote Learning

Achievement Prep was not designed to be an online school; we are our best when we are working with scholars in-person, daily. Due to COVID-19, we had to plan for a virtual world.

Let us know how we're doing and what you may need more of by completing the COVID-19 Parent Satisfaction Survey:

<https://bit.ly/2YiWRkA>

Your responses are key to understanding what adjustments need to be made now and in the future.



Wellness Resources



I'm Overwhelmed!
I don't think I can
make it through
Distance Learning.



Are you pouring from an empty cup? Fill-up with us!

Motivational Mondays (Dance & Yoga Classes)

Mondays, 12-12:45PM via Instagram Live
(@AchievementPrepDC)

Wellness Wednesdays (Weight Training Classes)

Wednesdays, 1-1:45PM via Instagram Live
(@AchievementPrepDC)

NEW! Parent Wellness Workshops
in partnership with AprilMay
Wednesdays, 6-7PM via ZOOM



Community Support Contacts

- **AprilMay Therapeutic Services:** 202-706-7603 or info@amayinc.com
- **Abuse and Neglect Hotline:** 202-671-7233
- **Champs (Child Mental Health Emergency):** 202-481-1440 or 911
- **Crisis Text Line:** 741741
- **Emergency Shelter Hotline:** 202-399-7093
- **National Suicide Hotline:** 1-800-273-8255
- **24/7 Mental Health Hotline:** 888-793-4357, staffed by licensed technicians (M-F, 10-2pm)
- **Public Benefits Call Line (SNAP, TANF, Medicaid, etc):** 202-727-5355

Stay up-to-date with COVID-19: <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/>

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Achievement Prep isn't just a school.

We are a promise of progress.

A promise to change the lives of our scholars, our community, and
our future generations for the better.

We promise to be the educational fuel that ignites a love
for learning and knowledge.

We believe that our teachers and faculty
are the keys to closing the achievement gap.

Not only do they encompass our vision but believe in it and live by it
to help create the most impactful environment possible.

Change begins now. Change begins here, **at Achievement Prep.**

We Heard You!

Improved Communication

- Launched APrep Express Newsletter
- Launched Parents as Partners Association
- Launched Text Messaging feature for school-wide communications

Increased Scholar Support

- Wrap-around services for families in partnership with AprilMay
- In-House Before and After-care
- Strengthened partnership with AppleTree to support transitions from PK4-Kindergarten



We Heard You! cont

Parent Focus for 20-21SY

- Volunteer parent program (in classrooms, school support)
- Platinum Parent University

Increased Programming

- Increased technology offerings
- Performing Arts offering
- Afterschool enrichment



THANK YOU!

- For **TRUSTING** us with your most important person/people.
- For **ALLOWING** us the privilege to educate your scholar.
- For **HOLDING** us accountable when we fall short.
- For **CELEBRATING** with us when we win.
- For **PARTNERING** with us in this challenging work.
- For **BELIEVING** in us to transform tomorrow today.

Let's change the world, starting with SE DC.



Re-Enrollment Plan

- Every family should have received a snapcode via email. Please follow the instructions to set up your account.
- We're going digital! Please look out for more details in the coming weeks regarding electronic submission of residency verification.

Re-enrollment/Powerschool Questions:

Elementary - Ms. Dannah

sdannah@achievementprep.org



— QUESTIONS?

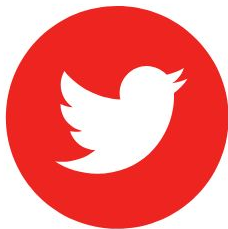


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