

October 23, 2020

Dear YES Prep Families,

It's been great welcoming more students back to in-person learning on campuses this week. We want to thank students, families, teachers and staff for everyone's participation and support in creating two settings—online at home and in person at school—conducive to learning for our students.

Please make sure to read the following letter in its entirety for information and reminders about the Program Selection Survey for Quarter 2, the family feedback survey, the mandatory Student Daily Health Check, common assessments, and the launch of the student lottery for the 2021-2022 school year.

Important Dates Reminder

- Oct. 25 – Program Selection Survey for Quarter 2 CLOSSES
- Oct. 25 – Family Pulse Check Survey CLOSSES
- Oct. 28-30 – Common Assessments
- Nov. 2 – Student Lottery Application Opens
- Nov. 3 – No School / Election Day
- Nov. 4-Jan.14 – Quarter 2

Quarter 2 Program Selection Survey Closes Oct. 25

As we continue the process of safely reopening our schools, it is time once again for our families to choose their preferred learning program for Quarter 2 (November 4 – January 14). We are continuing to offer two learning program options for the 2020-2021 school year: YES Prep **In Person at School** or YES Prep **Online at Home**. If you wish to have your child in the same learning program for Quarter 2, no further action is needed. If you would like to change your child's learning program for Quarter 2, you must log in to [Skyward](#) to complete this survey between Tuesday, October 20 and Sunday, October 25. The next opportunity for Program Selection will be December 11, 2020. This timeline does not apply to our partnership schools in SBISD.

Program Transfer Mid-Quarter

As a reminder, once a family has selected YES Prep Online at Home for their Program Selection for each quarter, students may **not** transition to YES Prep In-Person **until the next quarter's** Program Selection survey. However, if a family currently in YES Prep In-Person has a health or family concern and desires a change to YES Prep Online at Home mid-quarter, they should reach out to their campus front office to receive guidance on the Virtual Transfer Process.

Reignited Family Pulse Check Closes Oct. 25

In our effort to measure how well we are serving our students and families, whether in-person or online, we are asking for families to complete the "Reignited Pulse Check", a *brief* survey to receive feedback on how well YES Prep is addressing Health and Safety, Student Engagement, Communication, and Community Connection so far this school year. This survey will be launched in the final weeks of each quarter so we can measure progress. The first Reignited Pulse Check for Families can be completed between **October 20 and October 25** via this [online form](#). Thank you for taking the time to complete the Family Pulse Check to share your experience and feedback with us.



Reminder: In-Person Learning Safety Protocols & Completing the Daily Health Check

At YES Prep, we believe that we will be most successful in mitigating the spread of COVID-19 when we work together as a community, hold ourselves accountable and maintain the highest level of commitment to the safety protocols and procedures in place for everyone.

One of these commitments we ask families to make is completing the Daily Health Check (a wellness self-screening). **We are requiring families to complete the Daily Health Check before the student arrives at school each morning to ensure a faster check-in process on campus.**

If the answer to any question in the Daily Health Check is YES, your student must stay home, and you should notify your school and healthcare provider. The Daily Health Check can be completed in Skyward online or mobile before leaving home for school: [Skyward Access](#) / [Instructions](#).

While we recognize that these measures might be inconvenient, they are quite necessary to continue offering in-person learning.

We appreciate everyone's participation in this and all other proactive safety measures.

*For all our students at our Spring Branch partnership schools, your child will take the SBISD daily student health app. Please visit Spring Branch's website for information about how to download the health app to your phone.

YES Prep Student Lottery Launches Nov. 2

We are excited to kick off the YES Prep Enrollment Season for school year 2021-22, starting with our Application Launch on November 2, 2020! We are thrilled to welcome our very first **Pre-Kindergarten** students, and our first students at our Southside and North Forest Elementary campuses next year serving grades Pre-K through 2nd. Our Southeast and North Central elementary campuses will serve grades Pre-K through 3rd next year.

Over the last 20 years, YES Prep has used the lottery process to provide equitable access to quality education to all families. With over 14,000 students enrolled, this year we are focused on what YES Prep Means to you, your students, and our communities. To apply for the 2021-22 school year on November 2nd, please visit yesprep.schoolmint.net or visit yesprep.org/enroll for more information about our lottery process.

Fall 2020 Quarter 1 Common Assessments

Our first round of Common Assessments will be administered in grades 6-12 from October 28-October 30.

Common Assessments are given district-wide:

- to assess student learning – identifying students' strengths and areas for additional focus
- to give students feedback for growth
- to adjust instruction as part of preparing students on their college-bound journey

Please review the following overview about Common Assessments. You can expect additional communication to come from your campus before the testing window opens.

Testing Details	Materials Needed	Important Policies
 <p>Dates: October 28 – 30 <i>Your campus will share the specific schedule with you.</i></p>  <p>Students will be tested in any English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, & World Languages classes they are currently enrolled in.</p>	 <p>Testing device (All Students) (must be a laptop, tablet, or a regularly used device for instruction and testing – cellphones will NOT be supported)</p>  <p>Scratch paper & pencil (All Students) (& calculator for Grade 8 Math and up)</p>	 <p>All students must adhere to the honor code as set forth in the student handbook. Students will be subject to disciplinary action and a score of a 50 if they commit an honor code violation.</p>  <p>Access to unauthorized materials is strictly prohibited.</p>
Online at Home Students Only		
 <p>Each content exam will be an important part of a student's grade and a reflection of what they have learned.</p>	 <p>Internet Access <i>Contact your child's school if you have concerns.</i></p>	 <p>"Cameras On" Security Policy Students will be in a Teams meeting with their webcams on to monitor test security.</p>
Please contact the front office if you have questions about Common Assessments.		

Did you know?

It's National School Bus Safety Week! In honor of **National School Bus Safety** we would like to thank our bus drivers, bus monitors, crossing guards and all members of the transportation department for their service.

As always, thank you families for your support and partnership as we continue our commitment to prioritize safety while also working tirelessly to provide the highest quality instruction, online and in-person.

Thank you