

GATOR NEWS

The latest news and updates from Gateway College Prep



IN THIS ISSUE

COVID-19 - SCHOOL CLOSURE

STAY UP TO DATE ON DISTRICT NEWS

STATE ASSESSMENTS CANCELED

TOGETHER WE CAN OVERCOME



Covid-19 causes school closure



As you have probably read, Gateway College Prep has decided to delay the return of our students until April 6th. Our teachers will collaborate on Monday, 3/23 and will plan lessons online that students can access from home. All students are required to receive a minimum of 4 hours of instruction per school day per the TEA. Our teachers will post their lessons and resources on Blackboard. Teachers will provide more information on accessibility for our students with accommodations. We will fulfill all students needs during this time of distance learning.

Our teachers, as well as our administration are ready to tackle this challenge. At Gateway College Prep we pride ourselves on providing high quality education. We will continue to provide a great educational experience for all students.

Keep up to date on Coronavirus

Our Superintendent, Carla Silber, is communicating daily with surrounding districts' leadership, as well as the TEA in order to stay informed with best practice for schools during this unprecedented event. She is also in touch with the state, county, and local municipalities to ensure that we are following the law and keeping everyone safe. As she finds out more information her updates can be found on our website under the parents tab under "Coronavirus (Covid-19) Updates". New developments will also be posted to our Gateway App which can be downloaded on Apple and Android devices. Scan or click the icon to the left to access.

MARCH 19TH, 2020

State Assessments canceled

Given the impact of COVID-19, Governor Greg Abbott is using his statutory authority as the governor of Texas under Texas Government Code, §418.016 to suspend annual academic assessment requirements for the remainder of the 2019–2020 school year. TEA will work with the United States Department of Education to request waivers from federal testing and accountability requirements for the 2019–2020 school year. For more details please see the update from the TEA by clicking on the STAAR icon on the right. There is no update as of yet on AP exams, but you can keep up to date on AP decisions by clicking on the logo to the right. As of right now, TELPAS exams are postponed. We will await TEA's response on this.



Together, We Can Overcome

We are all doing the right thing by social distancing. Each one of us can take precautions to help protect those that are at risk of serious consequences if they contract the virus. Orenda Charter Schools focuses on the Circle of Courage philosophy that is derived from Native American lore. There are four tenants of this philosophy: Generosity, Belonging, Mastery, and Independence. I am reminded of these tenants during this time.

Generosity - We must all be prepared to give of ourselves during this time for our children's sake. We must all make sacrifices of our time and our finances. There has never been a better time for our children to see how gracious we can be as parents, teachers, citizens, and humans. Together, our kind acts and dedication will overcome any obstacle thrown at us.



Belonging - At a time like this it has never been more clear how connected each person in the world is. Although we are distanced from each other, the bonds of humanity continue to provide hope and fellowship.

Mastery - Our teachers will be working hard the next few weeks preparing lessons that can be followed from home. We will continue to prepare our students for the college that is the right fit for them.

Independence - Gateway has always prided itself on trusting its students to rise to the higher expectation. Our goal is for students to be the Citizen, Scholar, Athlete, and Artist we expect when they leave us and enter into their post-secondary lives. Our students have the opportunity from their homes to work with their co-teachers (parents) and show you how they represent these expectations.

#GJGATOR

Benjamin Boorman
Head of School

