



Valle Verde Early College High School

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Dear Spartans

I hope everyone doing well. As I mentioned numerous times in the past few months flexibility is incredibly important during this time. As many things have changed since March, we have continuously been working on modifying our plans to ensure that your children get the best education possible. With more guidance from the state, we have had to change a few things since our last letter.

First, our calendar has been adjusted slightly. School will be starting about a week later for most students (August 17) and our school year will end a week later in May because of this change. Accompanying this letter is a copy of our new calendar.

Another change is that all students at the high school and college will begin the year online. While EPCC will remain online for the entire fall semester, Valle Verde Early College High School will transition to a face-to-face program for those that would like it at some point later in the fall. The exact date of the transition will be determined by the school board with guidance from the public health department and TEA. We really have no idea how long the online portion for all will last. We will keep you updated as we get more information. While your child is online, it is important that students follow their schedule and check into their Google classrooms at the time their classes are occurring. This is not going to be like online classes in the spring where students could check in whenever they wanted. They will follow their daily schedule and the classes will be live. They will participate live through their iPads. Attendance will be taken and all attendance rules (unexcused absences, loss of credit, etc..) will be enforced this fall. The format of the class (online or in-person) does not change the responsibility of attending class on time for the entire class period. Missing classes because of jobs will not be considered an excused absence.

As stated, we still expect that there will be a transition for those that desire to be able to attend school on campus later this fall. For us to plan, it is important that every parent complete the back to school survey so we have an idea on how many students to expect to return to campus. If you've not done so yet, please complete the survey at 434-0280.

Other important housekeeping tasks that must be completed this week, if you have not done so already, is to complete your online enrollment and online registration. This is essential for all students. Please visit the YISD website (<https://www.yisd.net/Page/15806>) for instructions on how to complete both processes. Thank you to those who have completed these steps already.

For our incoming freshmen, we will have important virtual meetings next week for both students and parents. You should have received a letter by now with instructions on how to register for both sets of meetings. It is important to attend them as we will discuss plans for Project Endeavor, TSI testing, and your transition to our school. A copy of the letter is on our website (<https://www.yisd.net/valleverdeearlycollege>) as well as video with



information on electives for our Freshmen. If you have any questions, please email lwidner@yisd.net and she will be able to assist you.

We know there is so much uncertainty right now as we try to deal with the challenges in our community. We will do our best to keep you updated as plans evolve. But, please remember, every change is done with the firm belief of a solid education and a safer experience for your child. As you have questions, please do not hesitate to email us for clarification. We can be reached at pcovey@yisd.net, lwidner@yisd.net, or mmcnulty@yisd.net. Thank you for trusting you with your children and please stay safe and healthy!

WE ARE SPARTA

Sincerely



Paul Covey, Principal

