



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year. We have been preparing for the opening of school since early this spring and we are excited to start our outstanding learning programs with your student. This letter is intended to notify you about the Operations at North Star Charter School, Inc. (Arizona Preparatory Academy) and how we have developed systems and processes to meet your student's needs both academically and environmentally.

We have designed a multi-faceted system to address the needs of every student and their family, maintain student enrollment and facilitate academic and social growth. Students can enroll in one of two learning options.

- **Hybrid Learning:** Student can enroll in one of three cohort groups. Cohort "A" will meet at Arizona Preparatory Academy (APA) either during a morning or afternoon session on Monday and Tuesday for their instruction in the Edgenuity Program. Cohort "B" will meet in school on Thursday and Friday mornings or afternoons. Cohort "A" and "B" students will take part in ZOOM classroom lessons on Wednesdays. On the days when the cohorts are not in school, they will be working outside of school and continue their Edgenuity Classes. Students can also enroll in Cohort "C" and attend APA Monday through Friday in either the morning or afternoon session.
- **Distance Learning** APA also offers distance learning for students who choose to work entirely online at home and this includes interaction and support from teachers.

To maintain enrollment the following are APA attendance requirements.

- Monitoring of student login into Edgenuity both AM and PM sessions.
- Daily calls to parent/guardians for students not logged in on time
- Wednesday ZOOM attendance based on Edgenuity log in and ZOOM attendance
- Monitoring of time-on-task of students while on Edgenuity

To facilitate communication with you APA has implemented the following actions:

- Teachers will contact each Cohort via email or phone when appropriate
- Teachers will utilize Edgenuity/Messenger for group contacts
- On Wednesdays, teachers will use ZOOM to have group lessons, interventions, enrichments, etc.
- Front office will contact students when appropriate to remind them of attendance and status of their progress

Student and staff safety is of the utmost priority and APA will maintain four in-person preventive safety measures: **(1) Social/Physical Distancing;** in class furniture will be spaced six feet apart with Plexiglas around the desk, **(2) Hand Washing;** Hand sanitizer stations, with at least 60% alcohol, is also available, **(3) Daily Health Screenings and Temperature Checks:** Daily temperature checks will be administered to all staff and students, **(4) Face Coverings:** All students, staff, and visitors to APA will be required to wear face coverings when in public areas. APA will have daily cleaning and disinfecting of all frequently touched surfaces in work areas, such as door handles, sink handles, and desks, and increased cleaning of bathrooms throughout the day.

For more in-depth information please refer to the attached Distance Learning Plan (DLP). Please call us at (623) 907-2661 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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