

UPDATE: Changes to 2020 TAPA Final Exams

The TAPA community is in a state of mourning, healing, and deep reflection. We want to believe that things will get better, but that is hard to see at this moment. Coming on the heels of COVID-19, which has caused such horrific damage to our communities of color, this quite simply feels like too much. There have been too many deaths. There has been too much loss.

The TAPA building was recently damaged, with a window broken (and one guitar stolen). We don't have full information about how and why the window was broken, but no one was hurt and the building is fine, and we don't want that to distract us from the greater cause. We can replace a window, but no one can replace the life of George Floyd, and countless others. Our broken window is a symbol of how much of this tragedy is out of our control. What we can control, though, is our response, and already the TAPA community has come together in love and solidarity. We'll start with fixing our window. We'll continue by working with you to fix our broken world.

We have to find a balance between warm & demanding during this time, and while students and staff may be digitally present for their teaching and learning responsibilities, many (if not all) of us are not mentally present. **Therefore, we are making accommodations that allow us to track student learning, assess in culturally responsive and trauma-informed ways, while also preparing for a rigorous and high love school year after summer break.** Our goal is to track learning while also allowing for sustainability for you and for your students.

Teachers will update Gradebooks by Monday, June 8th.

Updated Common Final Exam - Expectations for Students

- ❑ Submit a Common [Final Exam Form](#) for **EACH** class in which you have a final grade that is below an A-. You are graded on completion so put your honest effort and reflection into it.
- ❑ If you have an A- or higher in a class, then the Final Exam Form is optional for that class.
- ❑ If you have lower than an A- in a class, then completing a Final Exam Form for that class is required. Your exam grade will be based purely on thoughtful completion (If you do it as thoughtfully as possible, you will get an A for that exam grade).
- ❑ If you have an A- or higher in *all of your classes*, we would love for you to volunteer to be a student mentor. As a mentor, you will be connected with other TAPA student(s), and will be asked to help them with submitting their required assignments. If you are interested in this opportunity, then please contact [Mr. Sousa](#) to become a Student Mentor for Finals!
- ❑ **Note:** If you finish all exams early -- check-in with your advisor to confirm that you have met all requirements, and then celebrate early-- because you're done for the year! Congrats!

****All teachers will post [this link](#) to the final exam form on their Google Classroom. They will also copy & paste the directions above****

Monday June 8, 2020: Grade-Check Monday & Planning Day

- Students check-in with your advisors to review all of your grades.
- Advisors/Students, please review the directions above and create an action plan around Finals expectations for each student.
- Advisors can [create a check-list](#) to share with members of their advisory to help review Final Grades along with expectations/suggestions.

Tuesday, June 9, 2020

- Check-In with your advisor and update them on your progress with final exams and expectations.
- Optional: Reach out to your student mentor to help you stay on track.
- Organize your schedule so that you complete your final exams.
- Make Progress towards completing your exams.

Wednesday, June 10, 2020

- Check-In with your advisor and update them on your progress with final exams and expectations.
- Optional: Reach out to a student mentor to help stay on track.
- Organize your schedule so that you complete your final exams.
- Make Progress towards completing your exams.

Thursday, June 11, 2020

- LAST DAY TO COMPLETE EXAMS
- Advisors will check in with students who have not made enough progress or who still have Final Exams to turn in and will share any concerns with the admin team.
- Students, complete all exams!

Friday, June 12, 2020

- Celebrate, Relax, Cheer, as you just finished your Final Exams! Now prep yourself for Fix your F's Week!

Summary of Changes To Final Exams

HOW IT WORKS

- Teacher's grades will be updated by Monday, June 8th.
- No form needed for arts or any class where you have A- or above.
- Check the "FIN" (Final) Column in Skyward on Monday to review your classes. Any questions, check in with your advisor, Mr. Cordeiro or Ms. Bryant.

SCHEDULE

Monday June 8th	Check in with your advisor to help you organize which of your classes need a reflection form.																																	
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These reflections can be brief. Make space for your own self care and self expression so that you can keep doing the work of fixing this broken world!