



FORCE Parent Notes

October 23, 2020

Dear parents and guardian(s) of new students to Gulfton, your presence is requested for one of our **Commit to YES** Nights!

Although we will not be physically going to the homes of our new families at this time due to Covid-19, we will still connect virtually to lay the foundation for a trusting relationship between families and our schools. #partnership

Families join us for one of these events where you will have the opportunity to get to know your student(s)' teachers along with upcoming updates pertaining to YES Prep Gulfton.

There are 3 options for you to choose from:

- Click à [here](#) to attend the Thursday, October 22nd @5:30pm event
- Click à [here](#) to attend the Monday, October 26th @10:30am event
- Click à [here](#) to attend the Monday, October 26th @ 5:30pm event

COMMIT TO YES

ALL NEW FAMILIES ARE WELCOME!

COMMIT TO YES

Families of new students to Gulfton, please join us for one of our virtual home visit events.

THURSDAY OCT. 22 AT 5:30PM
OR
MONDAY OCT. 26 AT 10:30AM OR 5:30PM
LOCATION:
TEAMS VIRTUAL LIVE EVENT

Families will be able to meet teachers and staff as well as learn important updates for the 2020-2021 school year
Please RSVP by clicking [here](#)

See details for Teams Virtual link [here](#) or below
or join us by calling
+1832-844-3837 (enter Conference ID: 430 585 353#)

FORCE Updates

Common Assessments

Quarter 1 Common Assessments will be administered on October 28th-30th both virtually and in-person to accommodate both learning options. On Common Assessment days, students who opted into online learning, must join a live Teams Meeting AND must have their cameras on during the entire Teams Meeting. This will allow the proctor to provide your student with test directions, reminders of the time to test, overall support and ensure test security. If your student fails to turn on their camera during the examination period, your student's test will be paused until your student turns on their camera. No additional time will be provided for students who choose to not turn on their cameras and their tests will be submitted as is when the time to test is complete.

Virtual students must test on campus if:

- They do not have a camera that works.
- They only have access to a mobile device. It is not possible for tests to be completed through a mobile device.
- If you desire that they test on campus.

If you believe your virtual student should test on campus for any of the reasons indicated above, please reach out to Paula Chavez (paula.chavez@yesprep.org) no later than Monday, October 20th.

Visitor Policy

FORCE families no visitors, including families, are allowed in the building unless they have a scheduled appointment or have been asked to enter by a YES Prep Staff Member. If you have any questions please email us at GTFO1@yesprep.org.

Early Student Pick Up

Families that need to pick up their student(s) for any reason outside of arrival and dismissal will call the front office and sign out their student(s) over the phone. The student(s) will be escorted out to your vehicle. The Gulfton staff member escorting the student(s) will be visually checking photo I.D. of the parent/guardian or approved emergency contact before releasing the student(s).

Program Option Survey

Families have until October 25th to change their child's learning environment from virtual at home to in-person learning at school. Parents must log into Skyward to change their preference by October 25th. If you have difficulty with this process, please email our front office at: GFTO1@yesprep.org.

Family & Student Pulse Check Survey

YES Prep would like to hear the voices of families and students regarding their experience at this point in the school year. Understanding the perspective of students and families is critical for our planning and ensuring we can meet the needs of the people we serve. For these surveys, you do NOT need to log into Skyward. Just click on the following link and it will take you to the survey. The survey is open until October 25th, so please take 5 minutes to complete the survey at your earliest convenience.









[Family Pulse Check Survey](#) and [Student Pulse Check Survey](#)

Reminders: Students in person and virtual follow the same class period schedule daily. Attendance, academic participation, and grading expectations for in person and virtual are **the same**. In person and virtual students are expected to attend all four classes daily and submit assignments on time. If your student is virtual, they have a live class call via Teams daily at 8:30 AM, 10:15 AM, 12:40 PM, and 2:15 PM and assignments to complete each period.

FORCE Safety Procedures

Safety and Return to School Procedures

FORCE families that have selected for their child to learn on campus please take a few minutes to read the following safety and return school procedures; that must be followed in order to keep students and staff safe.

	All students will have their temperature checked by staff member before they exit vehicle. Students with temp above 100F will not be allowed to stay on campus. Car riders and student drivers should leave in their arrival vehicle. Keep in mind, that if your student rides with another family to campus; if one student in that vehicle has a temp above 100F then, they will all be asked to go home. They may still attend classes virtually.
	Walkers and Bike Riders will have their temp check at the temp check stations.
	All vehicles should enter the main entrance gate starting at 8am . After student has been given permission to exit the vehicle, student will go to the designated area to be checked for mask and sanitize hands.
	Make sure student has mask on prior to arrival, student remains in the vehicle until they have been screened, and student must remain 6 feet apart as they walk into the main entrance.
	School Hours will still be the same for both virtual and on campus learning 8:30AM-3:45PM . <ul style="list-style-type: none">At 4pm any student that has not been picked up will be escorted to the gym and an admin staff will monitor social distance.At 4:15pm any student that has not been picked up will be escorted of campus grounds by admin staff.
	Materials Student needs will be a mask (and a back-up one), Guilfton ID, charged laptop and charger , headphones, pencil/notebooks, water bottle (enough for the entire day).
	Bus Routes will be attached to Parent Notes for families who have selected bus transportation for their child. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Find the closest route to you and that is the stop that your child will be allowed to use.There will be only 1 student per seat.Please check your students temperate before they get on the bus.
	Attendance Reminder <ul style="list-style-type: none">Parents remember that if your student is following the on campus learning route he/she will need to provide documentation when they are absent.Student must stay true to their learning environment and follow that particular track. If the student is absent and completes their work virtually, they will still need to provide documentation for their absence as they follow an in-person track.Please make sure you are submitting excuse notes (doctor's notes, etc.) when your student is absent due to an appointment or illness; to excuse the absence for the day the student was out.If you have specific attendance questions reach out to Ms. Klonis, Claudia.klonis@yesprep.org

**Make sure your student went to Orientation and has completed the survey. <https://tinyurl.com/y8luep33>

STUDENT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO GO TO CLASS IF THEY HAVE NOT DONE THIS.



Mon 10/26	Tues 10/27	Wed 10/28	Thurs 10/29	Fri 10/30
B schedule	A Day Schedule	B Day Schedule Common Assessments	A Day Schedule Common Assessments	B Day Schedule End of Quarter 1 All Grades Finalized!
Mon 11/2	Tues 11/3	Wed 11/4	Thurs 11/5	Fri 11/6
A Day Schedule	B Day Schedule	A Day Schedule	B Day Schedule	A Day Schedule

DON'T FORGET TO FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!!!!

Facebook: <http://facebook.com/yesprepgulfton>

Instagram: <http://instagram.com/yesprepgulfton>