

## **Updates & Changes For Week 2 of Distance Learning**

We want to give a big “THANK YOU” to all our families, students and staff for a great first week of Distance Learning. Based on the feedback from families, students, and staff, we have come up with the following Virtual Learning changes that start next week.

[You can listen to an audio explanation of these changes here](#)

1. We will work on making assignment more clear especially through video explanations
  - Students asked for straightforward directions and many of our multilingual students shared that videos of their teachers explaining things will benefit them.
2. Keep it simple on Google!
  - As much as possible work will be posted as assignments on Google Classroom so that students only need to turn in 1 or 2 google docs to complete all work for the class.
3. We will be returning to a modified A/B rotation!
  - We will start with “**Makeup Monday**,” dedicated to making sure all work is complete from the week before as well as check-ins and reviews from your teachers and advisors.
  - Every week will then be:

Tuesday:	A-day
Wednesday:	B-day
Thursday:	A-day
Friday:	B-day.
4. To help teachers feel more balanced, we can only reply to you “during the school day”:
  - Teachers will be available in real time to students during their office hours
  - They’ll also be available *via email/text/etc between 9am and 5pm.*
  - Emails after 5pm should be sent to:
    - [math@tapaprovidence.org](mailto:math@tapaprovidence.org)
    - [ELA@tapaprovidence.org](mailto:ELA@tapaprovidence.org)
    - [science@TAPAprowvidence.org](mailto:science@TAPAprowvidence.org)
    - [history@TAPAprowvidence.org](mailto:history@TAPAprowvidence.org)
    - [arts@TAPAprowvidence.org](mailto:arts@TAPAprowvidence.org)
    - [admin@TAPAprowvidence.org](mailto:admin@TAPAprowvidence.org)
  - Teachers “working late” are more likely to respond to you from these emails
  - While we know that external responsibilities may require students to complete work after 5pm in the evening, it is not sustainable for staff to be available 24/7
5. Weekly (instead of daily) Due Dates:
  - By the end of Monday, the week’s worth of work will be posted in Google Classroom.
  - It will all be due on Friday.

**To quote one of the responses from our survey, which over 100 students submitted:**

*“Please listen to what all students have to say (even if you don’t agree) we all need to be able to work together!”*

**Most importantly, we commit to continuing to hear and act on the feedback of our whole TAPA ensemble. Thank you for hanging on through these trying times and being the most awe-inspiring students and families we could hope to work with!**