

# Guidance-Related Frequently Asked Questions - Coronavirus 2020

## Anticipated Guidance-Related Questions from Students

### *All Students*

Question	Best Possible Answer
I was struggling in _____ (insert subject here) to begin with. How will I manage it with online learning?	Resources include: your teacher's office hours, your advisor, Mr. Cordeiro, Mr. Zia, Ms. Bryant.
I am responsible for caring for siblings (or cousins, or any of the other million possible legitimate things) during this crisis. Who do I contact about my special circumstances as it relates to my grades and classwork?	Ms. Bryant: <a href="mailto:ms.bryant@tapaprovidence.org">ms.bryant@tapaprovidence.org</a> , 401-563-9929  We understand that there may be many possible extenuating circumstances and are always willing to discuss them. I'll be your point of contact and then will connect with other folks at TAPA depending on what the issue is; we can get paper packets of work, provide technology, and find many ways to get you the assistance you need.
Where can I receive emotional, mental health, and other support during this crisis? (related to school, or broadly speaking)	Rhode Island has set up a hotline for families struggling with MH issues: You can reach out using <a href="http://www.BHLINK.org">www.BHLINK.org</a> , which is set up to point families towards services. There is also a 24-hour hotline: (401) 414-LINK. Additionally, we have our new social worker, Ms. Goretaya, for mental health support resources: <a href="mailto:ms.goretaya@tapaprovidence.org">ms.goretaya@tapaprovidence.org</a>
I'm worried about my grades! What if this hurts my grades or GPA?	For now, just do your best to focus on participation, completion, and learning to keep your skills up. We understand that there are many extenuating circumstances in this situation, and all of those can and will be discussed with Ms. Bryant.
If I fail one of my classes this year, do I really need to do Summer Skills?	Yes: regardless of circumstances, you deserve to learn the material you may have struggled with due to those circumstances. You deserve to get this knowledge back, and we will help you.

If I do not meet the qualifications for promotion to the next grade, will I really be retained? (8th Graders: what will happen with Auditions?)	Retention and promotion will be handled on a case-by-case basis that includes you and your family. Ultimately, our greatest goal is to make sure that you are set up for academic success, and we will discuss that as a team.  If we are not able to do auditions this year, we will move the entire major application process to the next school year and do them then.
What will happen with standardized tests? (RICAS, PSAT, SAT)	<b><i>To be determined by the state. RICAS &amp; SAT are “postponed” as of now.</i></b>
What do I do if I am taking a CCRI class right now?	CCRI classes start up again on a digital platform starting Monday, March 23rd via Blackboard. Please make sure you are checking your CCRI email regularly for updates from your professors, and attend all classes as scheduled or contact your professor if you cannot. <a href="#">Click here</a> for information about CCRI Covid-19 information.
What will happen with the Dual Enrollment / ACN Application Process?	<a href="#">Click here for the application</a> to take Dual Enrollment and Advanced Course Network classes. The deadline for submission of this online application will be extended to <b>Tuesday, March 31st</b> . No paper submission is needed at this time (we'll figure that part out once back in school.)  As far as we know, online enrollment for next fall's CCRI classes and the ACN are still scheduled to begin the <b>first week of May</b> . Ms. Bryant will be in touch with the students who successfully applied during the month of April about selecting their courses.

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What will happen with the SAT in terms of it being actually needed for college applications?	<p>Once we have official work from the College Board regarding whether the April 14th SAT is postponed, we will go from there.</p> <p>Fortunately, there are multiple dates during which TAPA students can take the SAT, and Ms. Bryant will arrange for all juniors to be able to take it for free regardless of outside circumstances. In fact, prior to the SAT School Day starting two years ago, TAPA handled this entirely on our own. There will likely be a June or added July date to take the test, and then additional dates in the fall to re-take to improve your score. I am confident that we'll be able to handle this fine.</p>
What will happen with AP Seminar?	<p>Great news about AP Seminar! There will be no exam, but instead a final <a href="#">Digital Portfolio due on May 26th</a>, a month later than the original due date. We have plenty of time to make sure everyone completes their individual report and presentation for this submission. Mr. Gore and Ms. Bryant will be in contact with AP Seminar students the second week of Distance Learning to discuss details. In the first week, just focus on your regular classes and/or check Mr. Gore's google classroom.</p>
What will happen with Prepare RI?	<p>Since we have already completed our group interview, we are in great shape! Students will likely receive emails directly from Prepare RI about whether they have been selected to move to the next round, which is Employer Matching (Phase 3). Keep checking your email for updates; the Employer Matching interviews will probably be done online and we can help you figure out the technology required. <a href="#">Check here</a> for timeline updates.</p>
Will we still work on our College Essays this spring?	<p>Yes! Ms. Bryant will be in contact as the year goes on. For now, rest assured that we have plenty of time to work on these later, when Q4 comes around.</p>

What else should I be doing to get ready for college as an 11th grader?	<p>For now, just take care of yourself, your family, and the basics of your online schoolwork.</p> <p>We are WAY far ahead in terms of the college process: we've had our full 11th grade meetings in Spanish class right before the quarantine, went on our annual URI trip, and started our <a href="#">Google Classroom</a>.</p> <p>Ms. Bryant will post optional resources on <a href="#">Google Classroom</a> (and you can check it out any time), but don't worry - the timing was actually perfect with regards to 11th grade college preparation.</p>

## **TAPA 12th Grader Coronavirus Support Plan: College, Events, and other Senior Questions**

Here's our motto: We are all going to graduate from TAPA in June 2020, and won't let the Coronavirus stop us. And then, because we are unstoppable, we will not let small things like a frustrating password, login, or tax paper keep us out of college! Repeat!

**You have worked WAY too hard to give up now.** Stay focused, support each other, and know we aren't going anywhere.

<b>Question</b>	<b>Best Possible Answer</b>
What will happen to senior events (prom, Senior Awards Night, graduation)?	<p>All events-related things are up in the air at this time, just like our potential eventual return date to school. There is so much we don't know. However, one thing we do know is that regardless of outside circumstances, <b>we are committed to celebrating the Class of 2020 in a fun, authentic, beautiful way when the time comes.</b></p> <p>You are our beloved seniors and we will be honoring how much you have given to us, our school, and our community - even if we have to be patient, creative or flexible in order to do it right.</p>
How do I make my college decision with Ms. Bryant so far away?	<p>Ms. Bryant will reach out to each of you regarding future plans within the next week. She will also host open hours on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10-12 or by individual appointment whenever is good for you. This could be chat, phone call, facetime, online platform. This can also include your family member(s), who are probably especially curious to learn about financial aid.</p> <p>The <a href="#">TAPA College Decision Guide</a> is a great resource - please feel free to share with friends at other schools making the same decisions.</p> <p>You may also always send her an email or text (401-480-6604: personal phone number for seniors and their families)</p>

<p>If I decide on URI, what do I need to do to get ready?</p>	<p>An email has been sent to all potential URI TD students with next steps. The most important first step is to complete the mandatory Talent Development Survey available in your email. As soon as the survey is submitted, TD will approve you to sign up for Orientation and other important items. We will also do those together in an online meeting.</p> <p><i>Remember: even if you're not sure if TD is right for you, take care of these items so that you have the option open.</i></p>
<p>If I decide on RIC, what do I need to do to get ready?</p>	<p>If you were accepted into RIC's PEP program, please call (401) 456-8237 in order to secure your spot. They will put you on a list and be in further contact. <i>Do this even if you are not sure about RIC yet.</i></p> <p>All RIC accepted students, please log in to your MyRIC account. The first time you do this, it will be at the <a href="#">Password Station</a>. If you cannot find your RIC User ID in your email (it will look like this: ebryant_2313), follow the instructions under "What is my RIC ID"? at this <a href="#">helpful link</a>.</p> <p>Then, select "Forgot Password" and follow the onscreen prompts. Making this password can make students very frustrated! Try using <b>\$tr0ngP@ss!</b> Until you can think of another or better one.</p> <p>If you have any issues creating your MyRIC account, please call <b>401-456-8803</b> for support.</p>
<p>If I decide on CCRI, what do I need to do to get ready?</p>	<p>For CCRI, please fill out the <a href="#">New Student Application</a> if you haven't already. From there, you will receive emails about how CCRI is handling advising and course selection this spring / summer for incoming students.</p> <p>Log into your FAFSA to <i>make sure that CCRI is listed there.</i> It doesn't matter which campus is listed.</p>