

# TAPA Distance Learning Quarter 2 Norms

- **Quality over Quantity: Making Independent Work More Manageable**
  - Based on data and feedback from student surveys we know that the amount of work students had due each week was becoming overwhelming. To make the workload more manageable for all students we are asking all teachers to shift from having new asynchronous/independent assignments each Tuesday and Thursday to now have new & fewer assignments only once a week (Tuesday OR Thursday).
    - Engagement over quantity
- **More active student-centered synchronous work**
  - With new updates to Google Meet as well and because of the feedback and data collected from student surveys, all teachers are working towards updating their synchronous lesson plans to keep classes as active for students as possible. That includes more discussions, chances for group tasks, and creative activities so that classes remain engaging.
- **Seeing Each other Again: New Norm of Cameras On**
  - Based on student and teacher feedback for quarter 2 and with the goal of making classes more engaging we are asking all students and teachers to shift to making it the norm to have their camera on during synchronous classes as much as possible.
    - **This means unless there is something happening that makes having the camera on inappropriate or totally uncomfortable, the camera should be on so that students can interact with each other and the teacher.**
      - With a new update to Google Meet students and teachers can now blur or entirely hide their background with an image.
    - Parents will be able to opt-out of students having their cameras on and share any tech concerns using [this Google Form](#).
    - This is intended to be a norm, students will not be called out in class or receive any consequence for not having their camera on. Instead our goal is to get all classes more comfortable with having their camera on to see each other again, engage with each other, and also become accustomed to a norm that exists in many virtual college classrooms.
- **\*Not new but a necessary reminder\*\* REMEMBER - You might not be in school, but YOU ARE IN SCHOOL**
  - While Distance Learning does not always feel like being “in school,” students need to treat it as if they are -- in fact -- in the TAPA building going to classes. As such **students must be in every scheduled class from 9:00 AM until 3:20 PM**, for the whole school day.
    - Think of it like this: what would happen if you got up in the middle of Mr. Sousa’s History class at TAPA, and walked out of class to go to the store, lunch, or whatever. What would happen? There would be a consequence. It is the same thing with distance learning.
  - Students not logged into their class Google Meet will be marked as having an “unexcused absence” and cannot make up any work given during the class. If this happens for an excessive amount of days it will also lead to a truancy issue.