

D1 Newsletter



ALMA - Elementary Online Grading System

At APA we encourage you to check your students grades throughout the semester. Here are a few tips to help you get the most from ALMA.

- New ALMA users will receive an e-mail message from "AMERICAN PREPARATO-RY ACADEMY". This will have a link to set up your password. Under the link, towards the bottom of the email, it will have your user name. Returning families already have this and will not receive an email with a new user name or password.
- If you need to have your password reset or have forgotten your user name. Please email jjohnson@apamail.org

• Once you set up your password you will automatically be sent to our website where you enter your username and password. Please bookmark this website so that it is easier for you to return.

CLICK HERE FOR WEBSITE

How To Turn On Missing Assignment Notifications

- · Login to parent ALMA account
- · Click on initials top right corner
- · Scroll down to Notification preferences
- Scroll down to Missing Assignment Notifications
- · Choose Email -Text or- Do Not Send
 - · Choose how often · Click Save

CLICK HERE TO WATCH VIDEO TUTORIAL

Upcoming Events

Monday, Sept 4 Labor Day
No School

Thursday, Sept 7 **Builder Assembly**

Thursday, Sept 14 RU Assembly

Friday, Sept 15 Midterm Missing Work Deadline

Friday, Sept 15 Fall Festival at D2/D3

Tuesday, Sept 19 Constitution Reading More info with link later!

Friday, Sept 22 "Friendship" Amb Event 5th Grade- 12:50-3:20

Tuesday, Sept 26 4-6 Field Trip

Friday, Sept 29 "Friendship" Amb Event 6th Grade- 12:50-3:20





Hello, from our FSO Leads

This year we will have a FSO team in charge of organizing the family and community events.

This week we are introducing two of them to you. Please say hi to, Patricia Dominguez and Ashley Packer!



Ashley Packer is the mother of four children, two of which attend APA D1. She is happy to work with the FSO because she truly appreciates APA and what if stands for, and the incredible staff that has blessed her and her children's lives.



Patricia Dominguez is a mom of 4, two of which attend APA D1. She also has 2 year old twins. She is a realtor and owns a construction business. She volunteers at FSO because she believes that the community events bring parents, children, the school staff and teachers together to create the culture of APA and help our kids thrive in the school environment.





Character Development Corner

College Fair

*CALLING ALL PARENTS!: ANNOUNCING our first annual College Fair!!

This is only possible with amazing parent volunteers. Watch this two minute video from a past college fair!

Click to Watch

Ambassador Events

FIFTH GRADE students have their first ambassador event on FRIDAY, September 22nd during the school day. (Watch for the sign up genius if you'd like to volunteer!)

SIXTH GRADE students have their first ambassador event on FRIDAY, September 29th during the school day. (Watch for the sign

up genius if you'd like to volunteer!)

Professional Qualifications

Our parent surveys consistently express confidence and overwhelming satisfaction with our teachers at American Prep. In accordance with state regulation, all APA teachers are licensed through one of three licensing paths: Professional, Associates and LEA specific. Parents are welcome at any time to request information regarding the professional qualifications of the student's classroom teachers including: 1) whether the teacher has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction or whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived; 2) the baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree; and 3) whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

School Parent and Family Engagement Policies

School Parent Involvement Policies vary slightly by campus and are located within the Parent-Student Handbooks https://www.americanprep.org/parent-student-handbooks/. These Handbooks are distributed annually to parents and are now accessible on the APA website under the Parent Library drop-down tab.

District Parent and Family Engagement Policy American Prep recognizes that parent and family engagement is key to student achievement. We provide many opportunities for parents and family

members to participate in, and stay informed of, their student's academic achievement. American Preparatory Academy trains staff annually during pre-service and teacher academy on how to communicate, build meaningful connections, and otherwise involve parents/families and the school. These topics are reinforced during professional development opportunities throughout the year as needed. Additional details regarding Parent and Family Engagement are available in the annual Parent-Student Handbooks (PSHB) which are distributed annually, posted on the school websites, and available in Spanish at our West Valley campuses. For the full District Parent and Family Engagement Policy, please refer to this link on the Policy page of the american prep.org website.

Mandated Assessments and Opt-Outs

American Preparatory recognizes that Standardized Testing is an essential tool for measuring student learning and teacher success. The data obtained from these assessments may be utilized by teachers and administrators to review student academic progress, plan instruction, and share with students and parents. Summative assessments allow for data to be used in public reporting about school quality. Parent's may opt-out of most state standardized tests by submitting a Parental Exclusion form to the Academic Director. You can learn more about the state assessments administered at American Prep and find the testing schedules for your student's campus by following this link: https://www.american-prep.org/state-assessments/.