



Monte Vista School District's

On-Line Academy

A Tradition of Excellence in a Nontraditional Setting

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OLA Students and Parents,

On behalf of the staff of Monte Vista On-Line Academy, I would like to thank everyone for your hard work and progress! We are all honored to serve you. As the team looked over everyone's progress reports, it is obvious that for the majority of our students, OLA is a very successful program. Please take time to celebrate achievements and growth!

Some things to keep in mind as you go over progress reports include that the report reflects what grades were at 4pm on October 18th (grades may have changed since then). To check current grades, parents please ask your child to access their Moodle "My Grades" page and present to you what current grades are.

For students who received IP's (in-progress) or IC's (incompletes), please be aware that these grades will become letter grades A - F at the end of the semester. Because of Colorado Department of Education reporting and auditing needs, from this point forward, I will no longer allow teachers to assign IP's or IC's at the end of the semester (in December or in May). All fall coursework needs to be submitted to teachers by 4pm, December 20.

For the vast majority of OLA students, this does not apply, but for the few who it does I must mention that unfortunately for lack of logging into classes, I have had to unenroll two students (students older than 17 who are considered drop-outs). For students younger than 17, I have begun making home visits (for locals) or sending social services to do welfare checks regarding educational neglect. In a couple cases, I will soon likely need to begin court proceedings for truancy / excessive absences.

Please note that for the few students nearing 10 days of absences logging into classes, please expect to have a home visit done by me (if local) or by social services (if remote, more than an hour drive from Monte Vista). Currently, and more in the future, the state is taking online student attendance and academic performance very seriously. Remember this year's enrollment contract that if students are not passing two out of four core classes at the end of the semester, this will result in being placed on academic probation; if grades are not then raised by the end of third quarter in March, academic

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probation turns into ineligibility to enroll with OLA in the future, and the open seat is made available to another student.

Regarding this year's state standardized tests that occur in April, grades 4 - 8 will be taking the CMAS exam, similar to last year; grades 9 - 10 will be taking the PSAT; grade 11 will take the SAT.

In Colorado, parents are legally allowed to have their student participate in or refuse testing. This year, for parents who would like to have their child participate and receive growth and achievement data, I have asked our guidance counselor and assessment coordinator, Dave, to begin planning right now.

In the next month, OLA families will receive information regarding an overview of this year's tests, where testing centers will tentatively be located, a schedule of what days and times testing will occur, and clear instructions for either participating or for documenting refusal. Dave and I are looking forward to making this annual process as convenient for OLA families as possible.

Thanks again to everyone for the effort, hard work, and successes!

Here's to continuing our momentum through second quarter to the end of the semester!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mr. Wright".

Mr. Wright