

# Franklin Academy Middle/High Campus

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## First Diagnostic Assessment for 2018-19

By tomorrow your middle school child will have successfully completed their Mathematics i-Ready® Diagnostic and Reading i-Ready® Diagnostic. High school students enrolled in Intensive Reading will complete their Reading i-Ready Diagnostic by September 7th. I-Ready helps teachers to effectively assess their students' progress throughout the year and provide individualized instruction based on each student's unique needs.

Your middle school student will be receiving a Mathematics Diagnostic Report from their Math teacher by 8/31 and they will be receiving a Reading Diagnostic Report from their Language Arts teacher by 9/7. High school Intensive Reading students will receive their reports by 9/12. The reports provide an overall performance score on a graph displaying if your student is on grade level. It will also show the domains that your student was tested on. It is crucial that you pay close attention to this section as it will display your student's area for growth. If the report shows Above Level or at Grade Level, the student is on track. If their report shows Approaching Grade Level, then it is recommended for them to attend their teacher's Office Hours for extra assistance. Refer to the teacher's syllabus located on Canvas for Office Hours. If the report says Needs Improvement, we recommend that your student work with a one-on-one tutor. You may find a list of tutors that Franklin Academy provides on our website in the For Parents section (Online Resources).

All middle school students along with high school students enrolled in Intensive Reading are required to complete 45 minutes a week of Reading instruction and 45 minutes a week of Mathematics instruction. Students will receive a grade in their Math and Language Arts class for this assignment. The grade is broken up into two parts. Part I is based on the time spent on task. Part II is based on the student's proficiency on the lessons completed. Your student's teacher will post the rubric the school uses for this grade on their Canvas accounts. It is important to note that there may be times when your child has to spend more than 45 minutes on the program because a lesson needs to be completed in order to give a grade for Part II.

### **I-ready Tips:**

**Speak with your child about how using *i-Ready* will help him or her grow in school.** *i-Ready* shows where your child is doing well and where your child needs some more review. It helps teachers understand how to give your child the best support, and it lets your child see the gains they will make throughout the school year.

**Encourage your child to take each lesson and test question seriously.** Emphasize "thinking before clicking," because just clicking through answers will not give teachers an accurate picture of what is understood and what requires further instruction.

If you have any additional questions you may email Ms. Vazquez, our Curriculum Specialist at [vazquez.emilia@franklin-academy.org](mailto:vazquez.emilia@franklin-academy.org)



## Connecting to Your Online Lunch Account

With Franklin Academy's PowerSchool Single Sign On feature, families are able to conveniently sign in to their student's Lunch Time payment account right from their PowerSchool Parent Portal! For step by step instructions, please visit our website for a flyer with step by step instructions. You can find the flyer in the School Info page under the SLA icon.

## Parent Input on Teacher Evaluations FS 1012.34 (2c)

Parents may provide input for a teacher's evaluation, as appropriate, by sending an email to the principal by May 15th, 2019.

## Global Citizens Program

Our Global Citizens Program begins next month. Our student government moderators will prepare a lesson plan that will be delivered through the Individuals & Societies department. This month's lesson will focus on:

Character Trait- Cooperation  
IB Learner Profile- Communicators  
Diversity Trait- Hispanic Heritage  
Charitable Organization- Big Brothers Big Sisters  
Dress Down Date/Color- **September 27/Purple**



Our monthly dress down days are an important part of our Global Citizen Program. Our goal is to bring awareness to a designated organization by wearing that organization's color. Our seniors will be taking it a step further this year. Mentoring is what Big Brothers Big Sisters is all about therefore our seniors will be mentoring our 6th graders!



## Who's Who

In order to better serve you, please find below the name and email of the staff member that is best able to answer your questions/concerns:

- Attendance - Ms. Brittney Mato ([mato.brittney@franklin-academy.org](mailto:mato.brittney@franklin-academy.org))
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