



## University Preparatory Charter School For Young Men

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are excited to open our doors fully to our students and staff beginning September 8th, 2021. This year our day is extended. Our first period class begins at 8:15am and we will dismiss at 3:33pm. We will be holding several orientations for parents as well as our new UPREP students during the month of August. Invitations will be sent in a separate letter.

Along with the updating of our HVAC/air filtration system we have created the following protocols:

- All students, staff and visitors to campus will be required to wear a face covering.
- PPE and temperature check stations will be set up at each entry in which we will provide sanitizer for everyone entering the building, gloves for individuals desiring them and a disposable face covering for those who do not have one.
- Staff will be given a washable, reusable face covering as well as a plastic shield.
- Any person refusing to use face coverings, will not be permitted into the facility.
- Face shields will be available for individuals who are medically unable to tolerate face coverings.
- Identify spaces in each Campus for individuals showing symptoms
- Contact tracing, testing and isolation policies will be implemented in accordance with New York State Department of Health Guidelines
- Work with Nursing staff and local health officials to report symptoms or known cases
- Anyone sick will be advised not to return until meeting the CDC's criteria to do so
- Teach and reinforce hand washing, covering coughs and sneezing into arm / elbow in each class led by instructional staff and health services staff members
- Cleaning: All facilities will be cleaned before, during and after school hours. High traffic areas will be disinfected throughout the day to mitigate the possible spread of contaminants or viruses. All cleaning products will be "green"
- Signage posted throughout each campus educating on how to stop the spread of COVID-19

While some students excelled at online learning, others did not. In order to address academic learning loss we have extended the school day, added recovery classes, and will be hiring staff to work in small groups or individually with our students based on their needs. We also plan to hire a social

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worker to support our students' social and emotional needs. We have ongoing professional development to ensure the staff is providing them with engaging and culturally relevant instruction/materials and academic strategies to accelerate learning within the traditional classroom. We will be hiring a coordinator to expand our reach beyond graduation to ensure the young men have support as they transition into their college and/or career choices.

We are looking forward to having our school community back this fall. See you soon.

Sincerely,

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