

# SCHOOL YEAR 2020-2021

## ATTENDANCE & GRADING



The 2020-2021 school year starts on Wednesday, September 2nd with all PreK-12 students engaging in digital learning five days per week with teachers in their enrolled school. No doubt about it, digital learning will look and feel different than last spring. We have been working hard to make this year's digital learning experience a great one for students. Based on your feedback, students will have more opportunities to collaborate with their peers, engage in project-based learning, deepen and apply knowledge to real life experience, and maximize their time with teachers. We've also provided extra training for our teachers so they can better support students' social-emotional needs and provide more engaging digital instruction.

**Attendance and grading** will be an important part of how we create digital learning environments where teachers and students maintain strong daily connections, and students feel supported, cared for and comforted as they experience a more familiar school routine. **Here's what to expect and how you can help support a successful school year for your child:**

### ATTENDANCE

Even though school will be fully digital, students are expected to participate in a full day of school and attend every period of each school day.

### LOG IN ON TIME, EVERYDAY

We expect students to be logged on, just as we would have expected students to be in classrooms. Helping your child log onto their classes on time, everyday is one of the most important things you can do to help set them up for success. Research shows that children with good attendance are more likely to read at or above grade level, and succeed in and beyond school.

### GRADING

Just like in a regular school year, our teachers will be evaluating and grading your child's school work throughout the year. Take time to check your child's school work daily and be sure they're turning in their assignments on time. You can see guidelines by grade level at [bit.ly/sdpgradeguide](https://bit.ly/sdpgradeguide).

### ATTENDANCE AND GRADES AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

You can see your child's grades, test scores, attendance records and more anytime with a **Parent & Family Portal** account. To learn more and register, visit [signup.philasd.org](https://signup.philasd.org).

### NEED EXTRA ATTENDANCE SUPPORT?

We're here to help. Contact your child's teacher or email the Office of Attendance & Truancy at [attendanceandtruancy@philasd.org](mailto:attendanceandtruancy@philasd.org) for support if there are any barriers to your child's daily school attendance.

### TIPS & RESOURCES

Visit [philasd.org/chromebooks](https://philasd.org/chromebooks) for helpful guides on how to log in to Google Classroom and how to use your child's Chromebook.