

# Town Hall

## Grade 9 Spring 2020



Welcome!



**Hello!**

**Class of  
2023**

We are your 9th grade team









# Town Hall Agenda



1. Town Hall Protocols
2. The rest of the school year & virtual school best practices
3. Teacher share-outs
4. Grades / Credit / No Credit
5. POLs
6. Essential Tasks
7. Questions & Answers





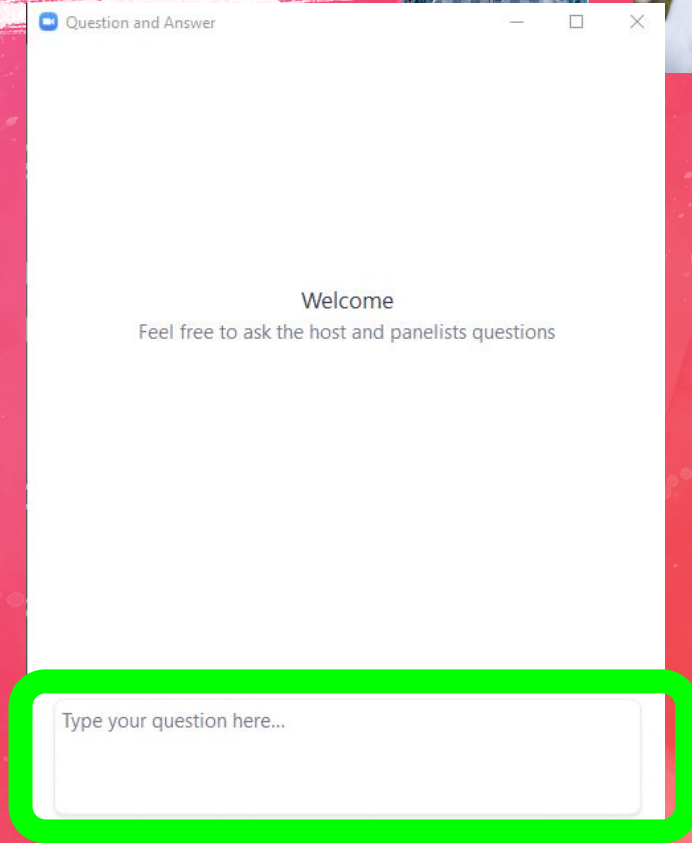
# 1. Zoom Town Hall Protocols

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for Attendees**

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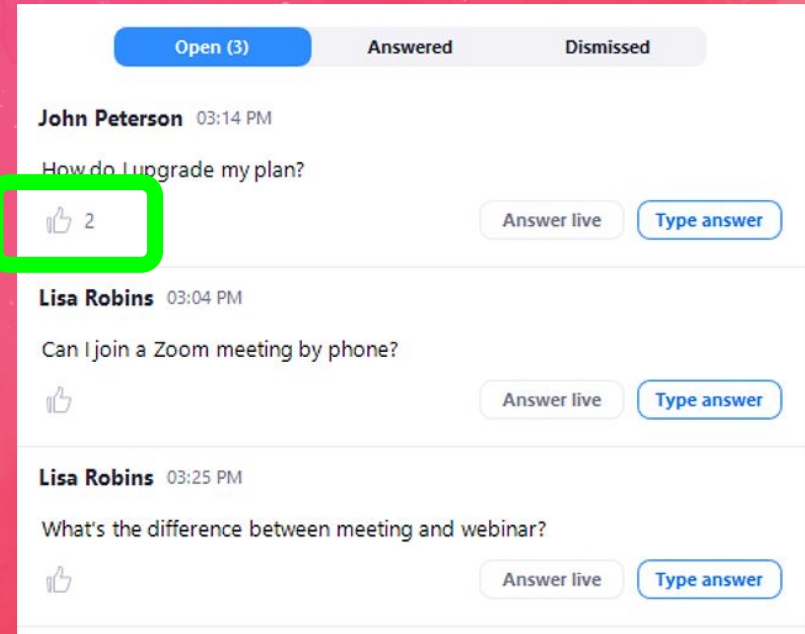
✓ If you have a question, select and type it in the Q&A



# Zoom how to ask a question ...



- ✓ If you have the same question as someone else, others can “like” the question to move it up.
- ✓ We will answer questions at the end of the Town Hall.



The screenshot shows a Zoom Q&A interface with three questions. At the top, there are three tabs: "Open (3)" (highlighted in blue), "Answered", and "Dismissed".

- John Peterson** 03:14 PM  
How do I upgrade my plan?  
Like count: 2 (highlighted with a green box)  
Buttons: "Answer live", "Type answer"
- Lisa Robins** 03:04 PM  
Can I join a Zoom meeting by phone?  
Like count: 1  
Buttons: "Answer live", "Type answer"
- Lisa Robins** 03:25 PM  
What's the difference between meeting and webinar?  
Like count: 1  
Buttons: "Answer live", "Type answer"

## 2. The Rest of the School Year & Best Practices for Virtual School



# What this will look like...



May

June

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
33 May	4 <b>Student Outreach Day</b> (Town Halls + Individual Check-Ins)	5 <b>Student Outreach Day</b> (Town Halls + Individual Check-Ins)	6	7	8 PD Day w/Advisory Check-In
34 May	11	12	13	14	15 PD Day w/Advisory Check-In
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# Schedule leading up to POLs



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>DVC Virtual Instruction Schedule</b>	Teacher Preparation, Grading, & Parent Communication Time 8 - 9:30	Teacher Preparation, Grading, & Parent Communication Time 8 - 9:30	Teacher Preparation, Grading, & Parent Communication Time 8 - 9:30	Teacher Preparation, Grading, & Parent Communication Time 8 - 9:30	Virtual Staff Meeting @ 9
	Period 1A Class & Office Hours 9:30 - 10:30	Period 1B Class & Office Hours 9:30 - 10:30	Period 1A Class & Office Hours 9:30 - 10:30	Period 1B Class & Office Hours 9:30 - 10:30	Advisory Check-Ins & Independent Work Time
	Period 2A Class & Office Hours 10:30 - 11:30	Period 2B Class & Office Hours 10:30 - 11:30	Period 2A Class & Office Hours 10:30 - 11:30	Period 2B Class & Office Hours 10:30 - 11:30	
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# Best Practices for Virtual School



Consistent Bedtime &  
Wake-up Time



Create a Daily Schedule



Take Breaks & Check-in with  
Friends/Family



Calendar Important Events

Check google classroom daily!



### 3. Teacher Share-outs



# Each Teacher



- ✓ Daily Expectations
- ✓ How are kids being assessed?
- ✓ Office Hours (when/how)
- ✓ Best Way to Reach Me
- ✓ Upcoming Big Dates/Assignments

# Karla Mondragón Spanish 1 & Rosetta Stone



- ✓ Students are expected to log into Google Classroom daily during class time and review posted work for the week.
- ✓ Teacher posts two assignments per week due on Friday. Student grades are updated when the assignment is complete. Grades are updated on Google classroom and PowerSchool.
- ✓ Office Hours are when the class meets via email.
- ✓ Best way to reach me is via email at [kmondragon@davincischools.org](mailto:kmondragon@davincischools.org)
- ✓ Upcoming Assignments are detailed in the Team 9 Essential Assignments

# David Wilson & Kristina Becht -- Algebra & Geometry



✓ Daily classwork and homework posted on Classroom

✓ How are kids being assessed? Tests & Quizzes on  
goformative.com

✓ Office Hours (when/how) Zoom Monday - Thursday

Kristina: 9:30am & 12:30pm      David: Zoom when asked

✓ Best Way to Reach Me



# David Wilson & Kristina Becht -- Computer Science



✓ Daily classwork posted on Classroom

✓ How are kids being assessed? Projects

✓ Office Hours (when/how) Zoom Monday - Thursday

Kristina: 9:30am & 12:30pm      David: Zoom when asked

✓ Best Way to Reach Me



# David Wilson & Kristina Becht --

Upcoming Big  
Dates/Assignments

## Algebra

- Monday May 11th: CH 7  
Test
- Tuesday May 19th: CH 9  
Quiz
- Thursday May 21st:  
Sequences & Statistics  
Reassessment (optional)
- POLs

## Geometry

- Monday May 11th: Ch 9  
Test
- Optional Reassessments
  - 5/13 Ch 5
  - 5/14 Ch 6
  - 5/19 Ch 8
  - 5/20 Ch 9
- POLs

## Computer Science

- ~Thursday May 21st:  
Scratch Game Project
- POLs (optional for CS)

# Ms Regina & Mr. Jackson

- ✓ Agenda and Classwork posted on Google Classroom
- ✓ How are kids being assessed?
- ✓ Office Hours (when/how)
- ✓ Best Way to Reach Me
- ✓ Upcoming Big Dates/Assignments



# ELA Essential Assignments & due dates

## Reading:

\**Fahrenheit 451* daily reading

\*Dialectical Journal as daily reading response

## Writing:

\*"This I Believe" Due 5/1

\*Artifact 1 Due 5/8

\*Artifact 2 Due 5/15

\*Final MGP Due 5/21

## Speaking & Listening:

\*Socratic Seminars -- weekly on Friday

\*FlipGrid responses

# Rachael Physics



✓ Classwork is posted to Google Classroom at the beginning of the Period:

- 1A: Mon/Wed 9:30
- 1B: Tue/Thurs 9:30
- 2A: Mon/Wed 10:30
- 2B: Tue/Thurs 10:30

✓ Office Hours Mon–Thurs 9:30–11:30

- Interacting on Google Classroom and by email
- Students should always check work for private comments

✓ Email: [rjordan@davincischools.org](mailto:rjordan@davincischools.org)



# Rachael Physics



✓ Daily assignments are assessed for Accountability only

✓ Mastery Assessments: Electricity Exam, Windmill Lab,  
Transformations of Energy Report

✓ Electricity Exam Retake: **Friday May 8th** (afternoon)

✓ Windmill Lab **Due: Friday May 15th**

✓ Energy Transformations Report **Due: Friday May 22nd**

## 4. Grades / Credit / No Credit



# Da Vinci Grading Options Spring 2020

Making Adjustments for the  
COVID-19 Remote Learning Period

# These slides are a verbal explanation of this letter:



## **Information Regarding Grading, Courses, & Senior Events**

April 17, 2020

Dear Students & Families of DV Communications, Design, and Science,

We continue to be grateful for your support during these challenging and uncertain times. We feel proud to have been able to offer a continuous educational experience for your students since we transitioned to virtual instruction on Monday, March 16th. We are grateful to our staff, students, and families for their perseverance, feedback, and - most importantly - trust as we strive to ensure an engaging and relevant educational experience for all students.

We understand and acknowledge that this global pandemic affects all of us differently. Some families have been able to continue on with relatively little disruption to their lives, and some families have had significant disruption to their lives, including uncertainty about the physical, financial, and mental health of themselves

# Virtual Instruction Grading Synopsis

- All students have a choice between the following:
  - (1) getting letter grades for all their courses
  - (2) getting CR/NCR for all their courses
- Students go to this form to request a change to the CR/NCR scale. The default is letter grades for all students.



## Request to Switch to Credit / No Credit Grade Scale

This is the form that students will complete to request a switch from the traditional grade scale to the CR / NCR grade scale for all classes enrolled during Semester 2 (January - June 2020).

# Virtual Instruction Grading Synopsis

Change to the letter grade scale: **Any student who earns lower than a 37% will get an NCR** (no effect on GPA) instead of an Incomplete (0 GPA points factored into grade).

Letter Grade	Percent Range	GPA Points	Graduation Status
A	95 - 100	4.000	Counts for progress toward graduation.
A-	87 - 94	3.667	Counts for progress toward graduation.
B+	79 - 86	3.333	Counts for progress toward graduation.
B	70 - 78	3.000	Counts for progress toward graduation.
B-	62 - 69	2.667	Counts for progress toward graduation.
C+	54 - 61	2.333	Counts for progress toward graduation.
C	45 - 53	2.000	Counts for progress toward graduation.
C-	37 - 44	1.667	Counts for progress toward graduation.
NCR (No Credit)	Less than 37	N/A: This grade will not affect a student's GPA.	Does not count for progress toward graduation.

# Virtual Instruction Grading Synopsis

In order for a student to pass regardless of grade scale choice, the minimum percentage required is 37%.

C-	37 - 44	1.667	Counts for progress toward graduation.
NCR (No Credit)	Less than 37	N/A: This grade will not affect a student's GPA.	Does not count for progress toward graduation.

Letter Grade	Percent Range	GPA Points	Graduation Status
CR (Credit)	37 - 100	N/A	Counts for progress toward graduation.
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## Virtual Instruction Grading Synopsis

The deadline for requesting the change to CR/NCR is  
**Monday, May 11th**

Because our honors policy states that students must earn a B- or better to earn honors credit in a class, a student who chooses to switch from the regular grading scale to CR/NCR will not be able to earn honors credit.



# Comparing the Grading Options

## Only in the Letter Grade Scale

- The As, Bs, and Cs you earn this semester may change your overall GPA.
- If you earn honors in a course, you will receive the additional GPA boost for the honors course.

## In BOTH Scales

- No penalty to your GPA if you get an NCR.
- The grade of NCR (No Credit) is issued to any student earning less than 37% in a class.
- Students may have to re-take any classes in which an NCR was earned if the course is needed for graduation.

## Only in the CR/NCR Scale

- There will be no change to your GPA at all. Your cumulative GPA is frozen as of December 2019.
- There is no difference on the transcript between a student who earns a 38% and a student who earns a 99%. Both students will get a CR on their transcript.
- You cannot earn honors in the CR/NCR scale.

# Pros and Cons of Staying on the Letter Grade Scale

## Pros

- You could increase your cumulative GPA.
- As and Bs always look good on your transcript.
- If you're working hard and feeling successful, you can earn the grades you've been working for.
- You can still earn honors credit for your courses.

## Cons

- You could decrease your cumulative GPA.
- You could feel stressed out about maintaining high grades if you're having a hard time doing school work.

# Pros and Cons of Switching to Credit / No Credit

## Pros

- Your cumulative GPA cannot decrease.
- You don't have to worry about if your work is an A, B, or C quality.
- Colleges and universities will consider grades of CR for this semester due to the pandemic.

## Cons

- Your cumulative GPA cannot increase.
- You cannot earn honors credit this semester.

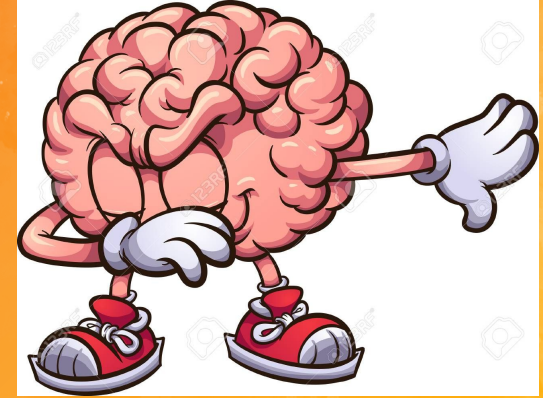
## 5. POLs





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Here's a preview,  
but you will get  
all the details  
**SOON**





# POL Calendar

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# POL Pre-Presents



Week of May 25th:

- \*You will be assigned one of three due dates
- \*FlipGrid video for feedback

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# POL Sign-ups & Day Of



- \*TWO presentations
- \*Waiting Rooms
- \*One student at a time
  - No student audience
  - Parents / Families welcome upon request





## 6. Essential Tasks



# Essential Tasks



## Team 9 Essential Assignments List Spring 2020

This is a list of the **high priority assignments** that need to be completed for each class in order to pass the class.

<b>English - Flores/Jackson</b> <a href="mailto:rflores@davinciphschools.org">rflores@davinciphschools.org</a> <a href="mailto:ojackson@davinciphschools.org">ojackson@davinciphschools.org</a>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>1. Editorial (past due 04/03)</b><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Follow the outline found on Classroom</li></ol></li><li><b>2. MGP (Multi-Genre Project)</b><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Guidelines posted on Google Classroom</li><li>b. This I Believe 05/01; artifact 1 05/08; artifact 2 05/15; artifact 3 05/22; Dear Reader &amp; Notes page 05/29</li></ol></li><li><b>3. Fahrenheit 451 accountability</b></li></ol>
<b>Algebra- Kristina/David</b> <a href="mailto:kbecht@davinciphschools.org">kbecht@davinciphschools.org</a> <a href="mailto:dwilson@davinciphschools.org">dwilson@davinciphschools.org</a>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>1. Key Lesson for CH 8</b><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. 8.1.1, 8.1.2, 8.2.1, 8.2.2, and 8.2.3</li></ol></li><li><b>2. Upcoming Quizzes for the week of April 20th</b><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Factoring Quiz Monday 4/20</li><li>b. Graphing Quadratics 4/23</li></ol></li><li><b>3. Chapter 8 Test</b> on April 28th</li><li><b>4. Chapter 7 Test</b> on May 11th</li><li><b>5. Key Lesson for CH 7</b><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. 7.1.4, 7.1.5, 7.2.1, and 7.2.2</li></ol></li></ol>
<b>Geometry - Kristina/David</b> <a href="mailto:kbecht@davinciphschools.org">kbecht@davinciphschools.org</a> <a href="mailto:dwilson@davinciphschools.org">dwilson@davinciphschools.org</a>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>1. Chapter 7</b><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. <b>Test given</b> on 4/16</li></ol></li><li><b>2. Chapter 8</b><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Key Lessons<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. 8.1.2, 8.1.3, 8.1.5, 8.2.1, 8.2.2, 8.3.3</li></ol></li><li>b. Test on April 23</li></ol></li><li><b>3. Chapter 9</b><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Key Lessons</li></ol></li></ol>

Have you fallen behind?

Use this link

-or-

Email teachers



## 7. Frequently Asked Questions

# FAQ's



## What is the best way to contact teachers?

- ✓ Email
- ✓ Remind App for ELA

## Should Students follow a schedule?

- ✓ English classes can be completed at any time. Other classes do have scheduled meetings and tests that need to be attended..

## My child is currently failing classes. How can they raise their grade?

- ✓ Contact their teacher & see the essential assignment document
- ✓ Focus on completing current assignments and communicating with teachers.

## What happens if my child fails a class?

- ✓ Will receive a NCR on their report card, NOT affecting GPA
- ✓ However, will not receive units or credit for the class, which means that they need to re-take the course.

# FAQ's

## Will there be summer school?

- ✓ Yes, there will be summer school. It is likely to be virtual, and it will be for students who don't pass one of the courses they need for graduation.

## If my student fails classes, will they be promoted?

- ✓ Students will be promoted with their peers, but they will need to recover credits required for graduation.

## Having issues with your DVC-issued Chromebook?

- ✓ Email the tech team directly [studentsupport@davincischools.org](mailto:studentsupport@davincischools.org).
- ✓ Check your email for tech support's response.

# FAQ's



Are students still receiving grades for this semester?

✓ Yes

Is tutoring available?

✓ See each teachers' schedule for office hours

What if my child has not been participating in their classes?

✓ Contact teachers immediately and see the essential assignments document.

✓ Students who fail to participate are in danger of receiving no credit for the course.

How can I motivate my child to complete work?

✓ Remind students that they have to have these credits in order to graduate. If they fail a class, they will have to make up the credit in the future.

# FAQ's



What if we do not have access to the internet?

- ✓ Internet has been offered to students for free. 1-844-488-8395
- ✓ Contact teacher to talk about grading options

What if our family has been experiencing hardships?

- ✓ Please reach out to our counselor, Jennifer Barba.

What if my child is experiencing anxiety due to the quarantine?

- ✓ Please reach out to our counselor, Jennifer Barba.

Will the school reopen in the Fall?

- ✓ We will let you know ASAP

What if my child is not prepared for next year's classes?

- ✓ Teachers will assess the need to revisit fundamental skills at the beginning of the year. Summer School
- ✓

## 7. Questions & Answers

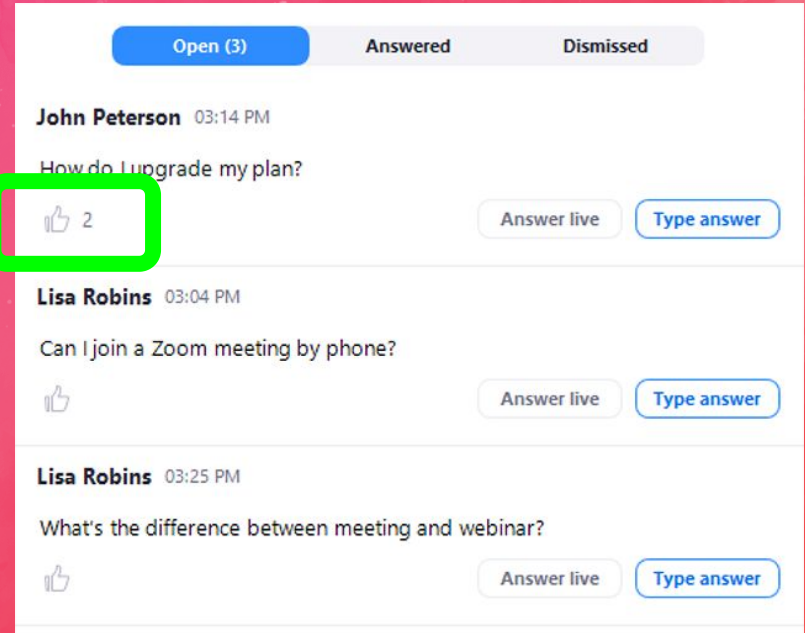




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