

Union City Cyber Academy Fourth Quarter Progress Report

Monday, May 9, 2022

Good afternoon, Union City Cyber Academy Families!

Please find a copy of your child's current progress report for the third quarter of Union City Cyber Academy. This report was pulled as of 12:30 p.m. on **Monday, May 9, 2022**. All students in middle/high school courses at UCASD receive progress reports shortly after the midterm to help students and families understand their progress as we close in on the 4th and final quarter.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's grades or academic progress, please contact:

- → Your **child's cyber instructor at Warren** using the contact information on the homepage for each course in the Buzz Portal
- → Your child's guidance counselor at UCASD
 - ◆ Mr. Joseph Anthony <u>janthony@ucasd.org</u> (Middle School)
 - ◆ Mrs. Kim Dawson kdawson@ucasd.org (High School)

The column that has your child's current grade in his/her enrolled courses as of **Monday, May 9, 2022** is the column labeled, "Score," which is the very first percentage next to the course title. The other two percentages represent the student's total **completion** of all gradable and non-gradable activities for the duration of the course. Some courses are year-long courses (ie: Mathematics and Language Arts), and others are semester-long courses (ie: 2D Studio Art or Game Design).

For your reference, I also have attached a copy of some information that I like to periodically share with families and will be sharing with families again via email this week. I hope this information is useful to you as we complete our fourth and final quarter of the year! Thank you!

Stacey Dell

Director of Curriculum & Special Programs Union City Area School District

Information & Reminders for Cyber Families

Helpful Contacts for Cyber Academy Success

Sometimes it helps to know who the best person to contact is when you're running into a challenge, need to turn in an excuse, or need some support!

- When you/your child is struggling with a particular class, an assignment, a due date, live lessons, class pacing, the structure of the course, questions about materials, etc., please communicate with the individual teachers at Warren. Their contact information is listed in the course home pages in the Buzz Portal.
- When you have scheduling questions or general concerns about your/your child's progress, please reach out to your guidance counselors: Elementary Mr. McMahan (emcmahan@ucasd.org), Middle School Mr. Anthony (janthony@ucasd.org), High School Mrs. Dawson (kdawson@ucasd.org), and K-12 Mrs. McNulty (smcnulty@ucasd.org).
- If you need the attendance Zoom link or have questions about the attendance process, please reach out to Mr. Shawn Thompson (sethompson@ucasd.org).
- If you/your student does miss school/morning attendance, please don't forget to submit excuses to your building-level attendance secretaries as per our cyber handbook: Elementary Mrs. Blystone (ablystone@ucasd.org), Middle School Mrs. Himrod (Ihimrod@ucasd.org), and High School Mrs. Reynolds (Ireynolds@ucasd.org) so that he/she can be marked accordingly in PowerSchool. It is always good to include Mr. Shawn Thompson (sethompson@ucasd.org) on those correspondences, too.
- If you/your child has an IEP or 504 and you have concerns, please communicate with both **the teacher at Warren** and **your case manager at UCASD**. Mrs. Stacey Mulson (smulson@ucasd.org) is our Director of Pupil Services and is also here to help!
- If you are a parent/guardian who would like to be added as an observer to your child's account, please contact Misty Weber at Warren (WeberMD@wcsdpa.org).
- If you are experiencing technical difficulties with assignment submission, the online portal, or your individual Buzz Portal account, you can contact Misty Weber (WeberMD@wcsdpa.org), Neil Kent (kentn@wcsdpa.org), or Michael Cradduck (cradduckm@ucasd.org).
- If you are having challenges with your UCASD-issued Chromebook, please submit a HelpDesk ticket (helpdesk@ucasd.org) to our tech team. Be sure to let them know that you are a Union City Cyber Academy student so they can reach out to you for troubleshooting purposes.

Live Lessons or Live Office Hours

Almost every course in the cyber academy, barring a few electives, has the option for live office hours and/or live lessons. The information for joining these and attending these is on the home page for each course in the Buzz Portal. If you ever find that you don't see those listed there, please reach out to Ms. Weber at Warren, myself, or the individual teacher to let them know. The teachers are required to post that contact information and any available office hours they have, if applicable. It is important that students attend these to get help, instruction, and support as they are able or need it.

Third Quarter Report Card Grades

If you have any concerns about your child's recent report card grades, reach out to your guidance counselor directly.

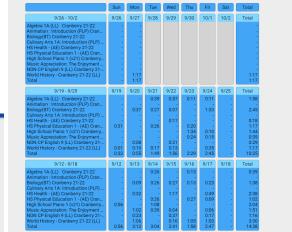
Tracking Your Child's Daily Progress

All parents/guardians have several options for monitoring student progress and success in the Buzz Portal. Parents/guardians can access the student's portal using the student's login credentials, which are given out by the individual building guidance counselors, or parents/guardians can request to be added as an observer by

contacting Misty Weber at Warren (WeberMD@wcsdpa.org). *If you reach out to Misty and do not receive your login credentials from her, please contact me (sdell@ucasd.org) ASAP so that I can assist!* By logging in using either method, parents/guardians can view a "Daily Activity Report" as seen below:

Finding the Daily Activity Record:

Sample Daily Activity Record:





Materials

If one of the instructors requests materials that you do not have access to, please let us know. In most instances, if it is not something you have available at home, you can let the instructor know, and they will work with you or help you modify the task(s). If it is a particular type of art supplies or school supplies, let us know so we can assist. Elementary students who need additional supplies from their initial supplies bags from the start of the year can reach out to Mr. McMahan (contact information below) or myself.

Keystones & PSSAs: Spring Testing Dates

Thank you for your time, communication, and participation in our statewide assessments. We are currently concluding our PSSA make-up sessions in that testing window and are preparing for Keystone exams for our students being assessed in Algebra, Biology, and Literature this year; those students will be assessed beginning next week. We have reached out to those families with resources and information. Our district has detailed all Spring Keystone and PSSA testing dates on our district homepage on the Student Assessment tab on the curriculum dropdown. Here, you can view the general assessment calendar, as well as the specific dates for testing in each grade level and content area. These specific calendars are on the right-hand side of that page. Keystone information, including item and scoring samplers, can be viewed on PDE's website.

Helpful Resources for Families

As we have some new families joining our cyber academy program, I wanted to share links to a few resources that you may find helpful:

- Union City Cyber Academy Handbook: The handbook describes all pertinent information about attendance requirements, processes for struggling students, and more.
- Buzz Portal: This is the website that houses all cyber academy courses, grades, communications with Warren teachers, and more.
- Food Service Request for Meals for Cyber Students: Complete and turn this form in to your individual building office if you would like to register for meal pick-up through UCASD.
- Union City Cyber Academy Homepage: This is our spot on the district website for documents, contacts, updates, and information.
- Website Links for Free eBooks: This document features links to websites that allow student access to free books for courses or personal reading.