

## THE NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

## Stuyvesant High School

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Dear Stuyvesant Students and Families,

We are 16 school days into this new year and have concluded the first month of school. Our young people are situated in their classes and developing their daily routines for this Fall Term. We recently sent out information about registering for <u>JupiterEd</u>, the school's online gradebook. In <u>JupiterEd</u>, you will be able to see student academic progress. Teachers update the online gradebook regularly so students can review their progress in each course and how they performed for each assignment within the grading categories of the course. Teachers record grades in the online gradebook and use it to determine the marking period grades and final grade for their students in their respective course.

As we enter October, have 13 school days until the end of Marking Period 1 (10/19). Therefore, it is important for you to be aware of how our academic school year unfolds. Stuyvesant High School follows a semester-based model, which is divided into two terms (Fall Term and Spring Term) for each school year. A term is approximately 18 weeks with three Marking Periods (MP1, MP2, and MP3) per term. Marking Periods are intervals during a course (designated in the <u>Stuyvesant School Calendar</u>), in which student progress (i.e. grades) is reported on the student's report card.

Report card grades indicate a student's progress toward fulfilling the course requirements at a given point in time. MP1 and MP2 do not appear on the transcript. Final grades (MP3), given at the end of each term (Fall and Spring, respectively), are cumulative over the three marking periods and represent the work students completed over the duration of the term. Unlike marking period grades, the final grade for the course is recorded on a student's transcript, which is the document requested by colleges and universities.

In the past, Stuyvesant has typically provided letter grades (E, S, N, and U) for Marking Period 1 (MP1). However, the letter grades for MP1 cause more confusion than clarity. Therefore, Stuyvesant will use numerical grades for all three marking periods to minimize confusion about student progress and to align with the information available on <u>JupiterEd</u>.

Similarly, Stuyvesant will also record grades precisely by ones (rather than multiples of 5) as determined by the grading categories for each course. Previously, the school used multiples of 5 from 65 up to 90, then 91, 92, etc. when recording student progress on MP2 and MP3 report cards including the final grade. This change allows for clarity and precision of student progress for the course to align with the information available on JupiterEd.



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If you have questions about our academic year and/or questions related to grade reporting, please reach out to your school counselor. Parents/guardians and families can reach out to Ms. Ingram, who can direct questions to the appropriate staff member if needed.

Sincerely,

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