2015 - 2016 USA Test Prep Parent Letter

Grades 9-12

Dear Parents/Guardian,

USA Test Prep is an online reading program specifically designed to help high school students improve performance in all skill areas tested on the LAFS and master knowledge and skills outlined in the Language Arts Florida Standards. It is a teacher-directed learning resource that empowers teachers to develop diagnostic and remedial strategies to support individual students and the classroom as a whole.

USA Test Prep has added numerous items to the database to assess students at a higher level. This includes incorporation of more challenging reading passages recommended by the LAFS and all-new item types. Instead of just multiple choice, it offers an assortment of items, including short answer and free/extended response.

Parents, we ask for your cooperation in enabling students to access this website from home. They are to login a MINIMUM of 2 times a week (every week). If you do not have internet access from home, please visit the local library or the school library with your child. The school library is open for your convenience every Monday through Friday in the morning from 7:00 – 8:00 am and in the afternoon from 2:30 – 3:30 pm.

This online reading program is a mandatory part of their Home Learning in the Language Arts/English classes grades 9-10 starting now until the end of the school year. It is of the upmost importance that the students complete these activities on their own without any help in order to get the most out of the program.

In lieu of USA Test Prep, the breakdown of the students’ overall average has changed:

Test/Essays/Projects 40%

Classwork 30%

Quizzes 20%

Participation 5%

USA Test Prep 5%

Students will earn grades for completing USA Test Prep grades on a weekly basis. Each student’s progress will be monitored and they will be rewarded for their achievements! Please encourage the students and motivate them. We are confident that this program will make a difference!

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Log in information goes here:

Login and let the learning begin!

Thank you,

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