



Students and Parents or Guardians,

This year, we will be using Edmodo in our classroom. Edmodo is a free and secure social learning network for teachers, students, and schools. It provides a safe and easy way for us to connect, share content, access homework, submit assignments, and receive class notices. Only the students have the initial Group Code to join; after all the students have enrolled during our class session in the Media Center, I lock access and the code is no longer active. This prevents outsiders from accessing our class on Edmodo and provides a protected environment in which to manage class assignments, information, and interaction.

With Student Accounts, you can:

- Send messages to the class and to me, but you cannot send private messages to other students
- View homework assignments and due dates
- Submit assignments and take quizzes
- Access and print class documents
- Receive updates on class and school events.

Edmodo is accessible online and on any mobile device with Internet capabilities (there is a free app for iPhone, iPad, or Android). You can access your account on the go, and adjust your notification settings within Edmodo to receive alerts via text or email.

Parents can also join our class site. The Parent Account allows you to observe your child's classroom activities, so you will always be updated about assignments, grades, upcoming events, and more. Your account is automatically updated as your child uses Edmodo and participates in his/her Groups.

Students will enroll in our Edmodo Group during class with our special group code. **If you are interested in accessing your Parent Account, please send me an email with your child's first and last name in the Subject Line.** I will then send you the unique code for you to register for Edmodo and access your student's information. Once you've added your child to your account, you will be able to see the following:

- Your Homepage
 - Assignments due within the next two weeks
 - Late assignments
 - New grades your child has received on an Assignment or Quiz
 - Assignment comments I've made
 - Latest Posts: Direct messages between your child and me & messages from me to the Parent Group
 - Upcoming events
- Your Student
 - Grades for each of his or her Groups (Classes)
 - List of his or her (who have Edmodo groups for their classes)
 - His or her student profile
- Your Planner
 - Upcoming events
 - Assignments and Quizzes
 - Anything added to your child's planner is automatically added to yours

Note: Parent accounts serve as an observational tool. At this time, parents cannot send messages or reply to posts. Parents will only see those posts the teacher has sent to the Parent Group

Attached to this letter is a copy of the Code of Conduct that students must sign to participate in our Edmodo group.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at deborah_espitia@hcpss.org.

Regards,

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Parent/Guardian,

This year, we will be using Edmodo, an online forum for classroom management, homework assignments, the class calendar, documents, web links, etc. Students and teacher(s) will be contributing in an online space that is intended only for members of the classroom. It is also intended that only students, teacher(s), and parents of students in the classroom will be able to view the content posted. There is no way to guarantee an online space that is impervious to unauthorized persons. In order to be proactive with keeping the online space as secure as possible, students must follow the Terms and Conditions listed below.

Terms and Conditions:

1. Students must have a signed HCPSS Computer Usage Form on file at the school before using Edmodo.
2. Students may only use their assigned HCPSS username as their Edmodo username. The students' HCPSS username will be used for registering the student Edmodo account and for identifying student responses on Edmodo. No other personally identifiable information will be shared.
3. Students using Edmodo must comply with HCPSS Policy 8080-PR and must act safely by keeping personal information out of their posts. Students will **NOT** post or give out family names, passwords, email addresses, home address, or other information that could help someone locate or contact them in person.
4. Students using Edmodo will **NOT** share their group code, username, password, or pseudonym with anyone besides their parents and teachers.
5. Students using Edmodo are expected to treat the Edmodo space as classroom space. Speech that is inappropriate for class is also inappropriate for Edmodo.
6. The Edmodo space is a forum for student expression. However, it is first and foremost a tool for learning, and will be edited for content and appropriateness.
7. Edmodo will be used to access homework assignments, the class calendar, documents, web links, etc. It is also a vehicle for sharing students' opinions, ideas and thoughts with real audiences. Please note that not all responses to a post will align with the poster's opinion. Be prepared to agree to disagree.
8. Students who do **not** abide by these terms and conditions may lose their opportunity to take part in using Edmodo. Consequences for using Edmodo inappropriately will follow consequences outlined in the HCPSS Computer Usage Form.
9. Parents/Guardians must read and agree to the Edmodo Privacy Policy (refer to policy on the website at sraespitia.com).
10. **In alignment with HCPSS Policy 8080-PR, and Edmodo's terms of service, a parent/guardian signature is required before an account may be created for the student.**

Guardian/Parent Access:

Guardians/Parents may contact the teacher for a Parent Code in order to gain access to the online classroom.

I have read and agree to the Terms and Conditions of using Edmodo. I give my child consent to use Edmodo for academic purposes.

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

Date: _____ Phone Number: _____

Student's Signature: _____
Print name