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CONGRATULATIONS!!!

**STUDENTS OF THE MONTH
SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER- NOVEMBER**

The Digital Academy Program provides a number of incentives throughout the year, and we are pleased to announce the students of the month from our first three months - just in time for holiday shopping!

Student of the month is calculated based on a composite score of Hours Worked, Percentage Complete, and Daily Attendance.

The award for Student of the Month is a \$25 Amazon Gift Card, distributed electronically directly to the student or to the parent if requested.

Congratulations to all our students of the month - they will all be entered into a drawing for Student of the Year in June.

Congratulations Students of the Month

Please join us in congratulating our students for exceptional performance!

September 2021

Grade 6 - Yaseer Goodson-Cooper**

Grade 7 - Nasai Neal*

Grade 8 - Sabrina Morgan**

Grade 9 - Randy Tello**

Grade 10 - Amber Morgan

Grade 11 - Emoni Satchell

Grade 12 - Tatiyiana Walker*

October 2021

Grade 6 - Deshaun Todd

Grade 7 - Neveah Boulware

Grade 8 - Kayla Jones

Grade 9 - Taylor Lopez

Grade 10 - Robert Tucker*

Grade 11 - Yasmine Smallwood-Mitchell*

Grade 12 - Kenyen Redfearn

November 2021

Grade 6 - Gerald Rideout

Grade 7 - William Hunter

Grade 8 - Alisa Maynard

Grade 9 - Yetunde Kayla Oseyemi

Grade 10 - Naeemah Muhammad

Grade 11 - Steven Turner

Grade 12 - Rahnesha Nichols

Asterisks () next to a student's name indicate additional months where they received the highest composite score. Their names will be entered multiple times into the drawing for Student of the Year in June*

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Understanding Probation in the Digital Academy

Today is a wonderful day in Digital because we got to announce the students of the month from the first three months of school.

Today is also a "date that will live in infamy" because I have to send out probation letters. Many parents will be receiving these letters from Dr. Sutton, our Chief Academic Officer, and me, and I wanted to make sure everyone was clear on exactly what probation is and what it means.

A student is placed on probation in the digital academy if they do not attend school, do not work at the prescribed pace, or both. Digital programming is not for everyone, and for students who are not successful we need to find a solution that works for them.

Your student will receive a letter for attendance if they have missed 11 or more days in the program. Your student will also receive a letter if they have not worked at least 50% of the hours expected since their enrollment date. A student who began with us in September should have 300+ hours by December 1st; a student who started on November 11th should have 50 hours by December 1st.

What does probation mean? It means that either the program is not working for the student, or the student is not working for the program. In either case, we need to do something as a team - student-parent-school to change the student's progress for the better.

The letter details days absent versus available days and hours worked versus hours expected. The letter also states that a review of progress will occur on January 14th, at which time the student will either remain in digital or be returned to their original district program. All any student has to do to remain is change their work and attendance habits.

As I said last month in the discussion of report cards, if you want to learn and pass and get good grades the answer is simple - come to school, work on each class every day, ask for help when you need it, and manage your time.

We guarantee if you do all these things you will learn, you will get good grades, and you will be promoted or graduate on time, every time!

PLEASE NOTE - NEW TEMPORARY PHONE NUMBER
FOR DIGITAL - 267-541-3194
OUR REGULAR NUMBER WILL BE REACTIVATED
SHORTLY