



July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018

Dear Middle School and High School MAP Parents,

As you are aware, we have been using Edline as a means for you to access your child's grades. However, we have received notification that Edline is merging with a larger platform, Blackboard, and will no longer be available as its own separate program. Additionally, this year we came into a lot of issues with Edmodo and its ability to manage the level of communication that the students have with the teachers, helping to largely sway the decision to find an alternate means of communication. With both of these variables at play, we have decided to transition to Google Classroom this school year, as we feel that it encompasses the features of Edmodo/Edline with the added benefit of everything being in one location. While the transition will not provide identical systems, we are very confident that Google Classroom will ensure that our students' executive functioning, advocacy and self-monitoring skills are being addressed and supported.

This will be a lot of change as MAP has been using these programs for many years (Edline, Edmodo), however, we are working to ensure that we provide our staff, families, and students with training and support so that everyone feels comfortable and confident with managing the new program. We will have a detailed trainings and supports for the students this July. We will also be sharing soon an online training for parents to complete to start learning about the Google Classroom features, as well as how to access resources and training tools. We will then have a follow up training during Back to School Night or another evening in the Fall for parents to further support you in learning how to use Google Classroom to support your child. Stay tuned for more information regarding the parent training and support.

The first step in this process is to terminate student accounts in Edmodo and Edline. There is nothing that has to be done for Edline, as well we will handle all of the termination of student accounts on our end. However, **we are requesting your assistance in terminating your child's Edmodo account**; something that we are not able to do here at school. **Unless you terminate your child's account, following the link and directions below, they will continue to have access to it, even if Ivymount teachers are no longer using it.**

<https://support.edmodo.com/hc/en-us/articles/205011954-Deactivate-a-Student-Account>  
<https://support.edmodo.com/hc/en-us/articles/205010304-Deactivate-a-Parent-Account>

Please be on the lookout for a follow up e-mail in the next few weeks regarding the next steps in training families and updates as we introduce to the middle school and high school students.

Thank you,

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