



# 2020-2021 Reopening Letter

Dear Laureate Families,

The last few months have been challenging for us all. **We miss our scholars and all of you deeply.** In the last few weeks, we have been debating how to reopen Laureate with two key priorities in mind: **1) scholar and staff safety** and **2) instructional quality.**

After weighing the pros and cons and gathering family and staff input of each reopening option, **we have decided to prioritize the health and safety of our scholars, staff and families** by reopening with a **fully virtual model** for the first quarter of the 2020-2021 school year.

We understand this decision impacts each of you in different ways, and **we are committed to working with each family** to ensure your scholar is successful within this virtual model.

We will continue to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic on an ongoing basis and will keep you informed as any plans change.

**We love each of you and look forward to bringing Laureate into your homes daily starting on August 17, 2020.**

Thank you for your continued partnership. We will get through this **together.**

- Claire Heckerman  
Head of School

## Laureate Online Details

- **New Start Date: August 17, 2020 (K-6)**
- Sign up [here](#) by 7/31/2020
- Live classes throughout the day
- Provided computers (as needed) & support with internet connection
- Training for families on executing at-home learning
- Optional in-person services for scholars with special needs
- Breakfast and lunch provided (as requested)
- Virtual events throughout the year
- Teachers will hold "Office Hours" throughout the week

*If you have already signed up for "Laureate Online" DO NOT sign up again. Thanks!*

***A more detailed plan will be released by 7/27. Thank you for your patience.***

**Questions/Concerns? Email [info@laureatecharter.org](mailto:info@laureatecharter.org)**

*A teacher or leader will reach out to each family via phone by Tuesday, 7/21.*

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## **Laureate Online overview**

- occur five days a week
- engage students using online learning platforms
- use high-quality, aligned instructional resources
- be teacher-led and student-driven
- offer flexibility for the time of day assignments are completed
- allow students to conduct self-paced virtual learning
- provide instruction in ELA, math, science, and social studies for K-8th grade students
- provide students with technology, if necessary

## **Responsibilities**

### **Teachers will:**

- prepare and deliver high-quality lessons using rigorous, aligned instructional resources
- support students in whole groups and small groups
- grade assignments and provide feedback to students
- provide accommodations for diverse learners
- be available for individual students who may need additional support
- communicate regularly with parents/guardians via email and phone

### **Students will:**

- participate in daily required lessons (*Attendance will be required*)
- complete all required homework and assignments
- attend live sessions daily (*Attendance will be required*)
- be able to participate in school meal programs, including breakfast and lunch (*optional*)

### **Parents/Guardians will:**

- ensure students participate in lessons and complete all required assignments and homework in a timely manner
- ensure students take all required local and state tests
- communicate with teachers to ensure student success

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## Additional Details

- Any student who participates in the *Laureate Online* option will remain enrolled at Laureate Academy
- If parents/guardians must complete *Laureate Online* registration [here](#).
- Laureate may require participants in *Laureate Online* to attend school in-person for assessments on a cyclical basis
- Laureate is finalizing the details of this plan and will release these prior to our start date.
- Please stay flexible as we continue to shift and adjust with the needs of our families and scholars.

**Thank you for your continued partnership as we work together to support our scholars on their way to college and beyond!**

