

Dear parents and family,

I know that this school year has begun with more challenges and confusion than any we've ever experienced before. I want to offer my deepest apologies for any difficulties or challenges that you have faced caused by Edmentum. Our #1 goal is to provide the highest quality virtual learning experience for all of the students and the families that we serve.

I want to provide some deeper information about where we are at now and what's coming over the next few weeks. We want you to feel comfortable and supported by Edmentum. We know how difficult COVID has been on everyone, and especially students, many of whom have experienced learning loss since schools closed back in March, and we know with younger age students that learning loss is even more pronounced and requires a different instructional strategy. For this reason, we placed grade K-5 students in Exact Path to start the year. Exact Path is an adaptive test that measures where each individual student is academically and identifies their strengths and weakness. After Exact Path identifies strengths and weaknesses, it places each student into their own individual adaptive learning path. Starting younger learners with this skill recovery and adaptive learning is critical to laying the foundation for each student's on-grade level coursework.

After working in Exact Path for a few weeks, K-5 students have the academic foundation to confidently and successfully begin their grade-level courses. Students in grades 6-12 usually are placed directly into their grade-level courses because we know that in middle and high school earning credits towards promotion and graduation is critically important. This coming Monday, August 24, all Clay Community students, grades K-12, will be working in their grades-level courses with their highly qualified, state certified, expert virtual teachers.

This school year will be like no other school year we've ever experienced, but together we will be successful in achieving the most important thing in the world – helping our children succeed in school and in life.

Sincerely,  
Dave Adams  
Chief Academic Officer, Edmentum