

*SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA*  
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Dear Kensington Creative and Performing Art High School students and families:

**Welcome back!** Or, if you are new to our KCAPA family, welcome and thank you for choosing our school for your child's education. We have missed you over the summer and look forward to welcoming you to a new year of learning and growth.

The 2020-2021 school year will be an unprecedented one that will challenge all of us in new ways. We're gearing up to meet the challenge. Our teachers and other school staff are engaged in virtual training sessions to better support students' social-emotional needs and help them succeed in this new digital learning environment. Our school's website has been upgraded with many new features and helpful links to support families.

Here's how you and your child(ren) can prepare for the start of school:

**Attendance Matters: Our school day will begin at 8:00 am and end at 3:04 pm**

Even though we will be 100% digital, students are expected to participate in a full day of school five days a week. No doubt about it, digital learning will look and feel different than last spring. Read more about what to expect and how you can help with this [Attendance and Grading Quick Guide](#).

**Getting Ready:** To help you and your child get organized and prepared for a successful new school year, we're sharing this [Family Back-to-School Checklist](#) which contains important information about Chromebooks, internet access and much more.

Also, mark these important dates on your calendar:

- **English & Math Materials Pickup** - stop by our school on **Friday August 28 and Monday August 31** between **9am- 1pm** to pick up your child's materials and other items. Mask wearing is required and social distancing and other protocols will be in place to ensure everyone's safety. Please use the student entrance located on Front Street closest to Berks St. There is a parking lot available and it is convenient to SEPTA bus and EI routes.
- **Back-to-School Drive-Thru Backpack Giveaway** - this year's event will be held on Saturday August 28 from 9 am - 1 pm at Lincoln Financial Field, K Lot. Visit [philasd.org/face/backpacks](https://philasd.org/face/backpacks) for more details and how you can schedule a walk-up appointment.
- **Virtual Back-to-School Night** - this is a great time to virtually meet your child's teachers and learn more about the new school year. Wednesday, September 16 at 5:30pm. More information will be forthcoming.
- **Class of 2020**- this is a time for all graduates to **return** their school district issued **Chromebooks** and to pick up their much anticipated yearbooks. All seniors will **receive a yearbook**. Dues will be returned at a later date.

As always, please feel free to reach out to the school at 215-400-4700 or any of your child's teachers with any questions. By working together, we can make this a successful year of learning and growth for every student. ***See you virtually in Google Classrooms (check your @philasd.org email account) on September 2 at 8am!***

*Best,*

*Patricia M. McDermott-Fair  
Principal*