



Public Charter High School

January 6, 2010

Dear Parent or Guardian:

As the first semester comes to an end, students will be taking mid-term exams in full-year classes and final exams in half-year courses from January 19 to January 22. To accommodate the end of the semester and provide ample time for students to take exams, we will be operating on a modified schedule during exam time with half-days on Thursday and Friday.

Mid-term and final exams are an integral part of students' academic performance and impact overall course grades. Please review the policy below from the Student Handbook regarding grade calculation.

Semester Courses

For half credit (.5 credit) courses, both quarters are equal to 90% of the final grade and a cumulative final exam is equal to 10% of the final grade.

Yearlong Courses

For yearlong courses (1.0 credit or .5 credit courses on an alternating day schedule), all four quarters are equal to 90% of the final grade and the cumulative final exam is worth 10% of the final grade. Midterm exams are calculated as part of the second quarter and first semester grades.

Please encourage your student to prepare for exams by reviewing notes, study guides, and review materials ahead of time. Students should arrive to school on time and eat a healthy breakfast.

Thurgood Marshall Academy works hard to provide your child with a supportive environment where he or she can be challenged and grow. We look forward to a successful exam period. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact your student's Dean or myself at (202) 563-6862, extension 124 or apardo@tmapchs.org

Regards,

Alexandra Pardo
Academic Director

Exam Schedule

DATE	EXAM 1	EXAM 2	MAKE UP EXAMS	NOTES
1/19 (A day) Tuesday	Period 3	Period 4	None	Regular Schedule
1/20 (B day) Wednesday	Period 7	Period 8	None	Regular Schedule
1/21 (A day) Thursday	Period 1	Period 2	Exam make ups 12:00 pm library	½ day for students
1/22 (B day) Friday	Period 5	Period 6	Exam make ups 12:00 pm library	½ day for students
1/25 (A day)			Exam make ups 3:45 for 1/22 exams ONLY. Location TBD	
<i>Quarter 3 begins</i>				
1/25 (A day) Monday	First day of Semester 2/ Quarter 3			