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Parent/College Readiness Update

Dear Parents,

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As you know East West School of International Studies is a high performing, grade 6-12 school that's constantly raising the bar preparing our youngsters for college. The 2018-2019 school year has been critical to this process, in that this is the first year we've mandated high level courses for ALL students. Specifically, a percentage of our students in each subgroup, including students with IEP's, and new English Language Learners, now take Advanced Placement Courses in Calculus, U.S. History, Literature, Computer Science Language/Composition, Psychology, US History, and Calculus. Next year we will also be adding, AP Art History and AP Statistics. As we add more rigorous courses for the 2019-2020 school year, we are partnering with local universities to make our high school required courses also become college accredited. **This simply means our youngsters will begin receiving college credit while in high school if they are in a college accredited course at East West.** This also means we will be taking more advantage of college structures we currently have in place like the Queens College's "College Now" Program. East West's Vision for College Readiness encapsulates how important we feel college preparation is for student success. We want *EVERY* youngster that graduates our school to have 15 to 30 college credits at minimum, which is typically the amount you would take your first year in college. This aggressive goal will take several years to come into fruition but we are aggressively pursuing this goal.

We currently partner with CUNY to have a wide variety of College Now classes both at East West and on the Queens College campus. These classes expose students to the college experience, while giving them opportunities to get credits they can apply towards college, and increase their chances of getting into a top tier school. **Parents should try and ensure that their students get into as much of these Queens College Courses as possible, while the courses are completely FREE of charge.**

Students are taking the following Queens College classes during the current 2018- 2019 school year:

Calculus	Introduction to Business
Pre-calculus	Literacy and Propaganda
Math of Finance	Introduction to Sociology
Introduction to Macro Economics	Introduction to Linguistics
College Algebra and Trigonometry	Introduction to Psychology
Urban Studies- Poverty and Affluence	

Increased rigor in Language offerings for Middle School School Year (2019-2020)

Next year, we will be offering an advanced level Mandarin course for all of our 8th grade classes, resulting in students taking either the LOTE exam or the Standard Language Proficiency Exam at the end of the year to obtain two high school credits while in middle school. This is in addition to the Integrated Algebra/Living Environment High School Courses, and Regents Exams they will also take in 8th grade for high school credit.

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