



Discover a World of Opportunity™

Dear Collegiate Prep Academy parents and students,

It is believed that a former CPA teacher provided Collegiate Prep Academy student test scores to Fox 31 News (KDVR-TV). The former employee was not authorized to do so, and the release of the student test scores is in direct violation of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). As custodians of our students' data, Denver Public Schools and Collegiate Prep Academy take the responsibility to protect our students' data very seriously. Please know that DPS has made all efforts to retrieve the student data from KDVR and the individual believed to have provided the data. We have also asked KDVR to refrain from sharing this confidential student information in its broadcasts and online, and that they destroy the records in their possession.

We are also aware that KDVR's investigative team is working on a story about our school's newly-implemented credit recovery program. As you know, we have implemented an accredited credit recovery program at Collegiate Prep Academy to provide students with the opportunity to catch up on assignments or tests they failed previously or have not yet completed. This is a program used at schools across the state, and I feel strongly that it is providing our students the opportunities they need to graduate from high school ready for college and career.

Unfortunately, it has been brought to our attention that a former CPA teacher is making claims to KDVR that our school leadership has unjustly changed student grades from an F to a passing grade. This is absolutely not the case. Any grades that have been changed are done so via our school's credit recovery program. Students who earn improved grades via credit recovery must clearly meet all requirements and expectations outlined in the program. Our students have shown tremendous improvement and academic engagement so far this school year thanks in large part to this program. And, we hold our teachers and staff accountable to the program and to our students.

At this time, we do not know if KDVR will run a story on this. A reporter with the station did approach me for an interview at school this week, and I provided him with information about our school's credit recovery program. I wanted to inform you of this potential story in case it does air. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Martha Gustafson
Principal