

Alma Parent FAQs

What is Alma?

Alma is a secure, easy-to-use online system that brings important school information and tools together in one place. We expect this to save teachers time, and make it easier to get a complete view of what's happening with each student's learning. In addition to educator tools, Alma offers a parent and student portal to help families stay informed and on track with student learning.

What can I see in the parent/student portal?

The portal provides access to:

- School Calendar
- Staff Directory
- Attendance History
- Assignments
- Grades

Parents can email teachers and school staff through Alma.

What if I have more than one child enrolled? Will I have one login or two?

If you have more than one child enrolled at Draper 2, you will be able to see all of their information with a single login. If you have a child also enrolled at another APA campus, you will have two logins- one for each campus.

You will soon receive an email from Alma with information about how to set up your account and log into the portal. If you have not received this email by Monday, September 19th, please contact Heather Gillis (hgillis@apamail.org) or Pam Gibbons (pgibbons@apamail.org). You can also find a button to access Alma on our website at www.draper2.americanprep.org.

How much is Alma costing the school?

Alma is more affordable than other school management systems, which allows us to free up more of our budget for other school needs.

How does Alma secure student data and ensure privacy?

Alma takes exhaustive measures to ensure data security and student privacy. The system is permission-based, which means users see only the information they are permitted to access. Alma is fully compliant with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). For more information about your privacy rights, we recommend reading the U.S. Department of Education's FERPA General Guidance for Parents.

Why are some of my students grades missing?

Alma is new to APA and the staff at Draper 2. As staff becomes more familiar with the program you will see more assignments, grades and attendance information- especially as we get closer to the end of term on October 14th, 2016.

Can I email all of my student's teachers, including groups teachers?

Alma has the ability for you to email your student's teachers directly. It is, however, policy that all communication regarding your students go through the homeroom teacher. If you use the email feature to contact a groups teacher directly, that teacher will forward your email- along with their response- to the homeroom teacher. It will be the homeroom teacher who will respond directly to you, the parent, regarding your email.