Code Intercept #1

Rule = 3x + 2

the president: hello everyone – how’s everybody doing today? i’m here with students at wakefield high school in arlington, virginia. and we’ve got students tuning in from all across america, kindergarten through twelfth grade. i’m glad you all could join us today. i know that for many of you, today is the first day of school. and for those of you in kindergarten, or starting middle or high school, it’s your first day in a new school, so it’s understandable if you’re a little nervous. i imagine there are some seniors out there who are feeling pretty good right now, with just one more year to go. and no matter what grade you’re in, some of you are probably wishing it were still summer, and you could’ve stayed in bed just a little longer this morning.

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Code Intercept #2

Rule: 3x -3

i know that feeling. when i was young, my family lived in indonesia for a few years, and my mother didn’t have the money to send me where all the american kids went to school. so she decided to teach me extra lessons herself, monday through friday – at 4:30 in the morning.   now i wasn’t too happy about getting up that early. a lot of times, i’d fall asleep right there at the kitchen table. but whenever i’d complain, my mother would just give me one of those looks and say, "this is no picnic for me either, buster."

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Code Intercept #3

Rule: 3x + 6

so i know some of you are still adjusting to being back at school. but i’m here today because i have something important to discuss with you. i’m here because i want to talk with you about your education and what’s expected of all of you in this new school year. now i’ve given a lot of speeches about education. and i’ve talked a lot about responsibility.i’ve talked about your teachers’ responsibility for inspiring you, and pushing you to learn. i’ve talked about your parents’ responsibility for making sure you stay on track, and get your homework done, and don’t spend every waking hour in front of the tv or with that xbox. i’ve talked a lot about your government’s responsibility for setting high standards, supporting teachers and principals, and turning around schools that aren’t working where students aren’t getting the opportunities they deserve.

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Code Intercept #4

Rule: 5x - 2

but at the end of the day, we can have the most dedicated teachers, the most supportive parents, and the best schools in the world – and none of it will matter unless all of you fulfill your responsibilities. unless you show up to those schools; pay attention to those teachers; listen to your parents, grandparents and other adults; and put in the hard work it takes to succeed. and that’s what i want to focus on today: the responsibility each of you has for your education. i want to start with the responsibility you have to yourself.

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Code Intercept #5

Rule: 5x + 4

every single one of you has something you’re good at. every single one of you has something to offer. and you have a responsibility to yourself to discover what that is. that’s the opportunity an education can provide. maybe you could be a good writer – maybe even good enough to write a book or articles in a newspaper – but you might not know it until you write a paper for your english class. maybe you could be an innovator or an inventor – maybe even good enough to come up with the next iphone or a new medicine or vaccine – but you might not know it until you do a project for your science class. maybe you could be a mayor or a senator or a supreme court justice, but you might not know that until you join student government or the debate team.

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Code Intercept #6

Rule: 5x - 10

and no matter what you want to do with your life – i guarantee that you’ll need an education to do it. you want to be a doctor, or a teacher, or a police officer? you want to be a nurse or an architect, a lawyer or a member of our military? you’re going to need a good education for every single one of those careers. you can’t drop out of school and just drop into a good job. you’ve got to work for it and train for it and learn for it. and this isn’t just important for your own life and your own future. what you make of your education will decide nothing less than the future of this country. what you’re learning in school today will determine whether we as a nation can meet our greatest challenges in the future.

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Code Intercept #7

Rule: 3x - 8

you’ll need the knowledge and problem-solving skills you learn in science and math to cure diseases like cancer and aids, and to develop new energy technologies and protect our environment. you’ll need the insights and critical thinking skills you gain in history and social studies to fight poverty and homelessness, crime and discrimination, and make our nation more fair and more free. you’ll need the creativity and ingenuity you develop in all your classes to build new companies that will create new jobs and boost our economy.

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Code Intercept #8

Rule: 5x + 7

we need every single one of you to develop your talents, skills and intellect so you can help solve our most difficult problems. if you don’t do that – if you quit on school – you’re not just quitting on yourself, you’re quitting on your country. now i know it’s not always easy to do well in school. i know a lot of you have challenges in your lives right now that can make it hard to focus on your schoolwork. i get it. i know what that’s like. my father left my family when i was two years old, and i was raised by a single mother who struggled at times to pay the bills and wasn’t always able to give us things the other kids had. there were times when i missed having a father in my life. there were times when i was lonely and felt like i didn’t fit in

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Code Intercept #9

Rule: 3x + 8

i get it. i know what that’s like. my father left my family when i was two years old, and i was raised by a single mother who struggled at times to pay the bills and wasn’t always able to give us things the other kids had. there were times when i missed having a father in my life. there were times when i was lonely and felt like i didn’t fit in. so i wasn’t always as focused as i should have been. i did some things i’m not proud of, and got in more trouble than i should have. and my life could have easily taken a turn for the worse. but i was fortunate. i got a lot of second chances and had the opportunity to go to college, and law school, and follow my dreams.

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Code Intercept #10

Rule: 3x + 2

my wife, our first lady michelle obama, has a similar story. neither of her parents had gone to college, and they didn’t have much. but they worked hard, and she worked hard, so that she could go to the best schools in this country.some of you might not have those advantages. maybe you don’t have adults in your life who give you the support that you need. maybe someone in your family has lost their job, and there’s not enough money to go around. maybe you live in a neighborhood where you don’t feel safe, or have friends who are pressuring you to do things you know aren’t right.

OY SCTQ, UMD TCDGJ LENY OCKZQLLQ UHEOE, ZEG E GCOCLED GJUDY. RQCJZQD UT ZQD XEDQRJG ZEN WURQ JU KULLQWQ, ERN JZQY NCNR’J ZEPQ OMKZ. HMJ JZQY SUDIQN ZEDN, ERN GZQ SUDIQN ZEDN, GU JZEJ GZQ KUMLN WU JU JZQ HQGJ GKZUULG CR JZCG KUMRJDY.GUOQ UT YUM OCWZJ RUJ ZEPQ JZUGQ ENPERJEWQG. OEYHQ YUM NUR’J ZEPQ ENMLJG CR YUMD LCTQ SZU WCPQ YUM JZQ GMXXUDJ JZEJ YUM RQQN. OEYHQ GUOQURQ CR YUMD TEOCLY ZEG LUGJ JZQCD FUH, ERN JZQDQ’G RUJ QRUMWZ OURQY JU WU EDUMRN. OEYHQ YUM LCPQ CR E RQCWZHUDZUUN SZQDQ YUM NUR’J TQQL GETQ, UD ZEPQ TDCQRNG SZU EDQ XDQGGMDCRW YUM JU NU JZCRWG YUM IRUS EDQR’J DCWZJ.

Code Intercept #11

but at the end of the day, the circumstances of your life – what you look like, where you come from, how much money you have, what you’ve got going on at home – that’s no excuse for neglecting your homework or having a bad attitude. that’s no excuse for talking back to your teacher, or cutting class, or dropping out of school. that’s no excuse for not trying.

where you are right now doesn’t have to determine where you’ll end up. no one’s written your destiny for you. here in america, you write your own destiny. you make your own future.

that’s what young people like you are doing every day, all across america.

Code Intercept #12

young people like jazmin perez, from roma, texas. jazmin didn’t speak english when she first started school. hardly anyone in her hometown went to college, and neither of her parents had gone either. but she worked hard, earned good grades, got a scholarship to brown university, and is now in graduate school, studying public health, on her way to being dr. jazmin perez.

i’m thinking about andoni schultz, from los altos, california, who’s fought brain cancer since he was three. he’s endured all sorts of treatments and surgeries, one of which affected his memory, so it took him much longer – hundreds of extra hours – to do his schoolwork. but he never fell behind, and he’s headed to college this fall.

Code Intercept #13

and then there’s shantell steve, from my hometown of chicago, illinois. even when bouncing from foster home to foster home in the toughest neighborhoods, she managed to get a job at a local health center; start a program to keep young people out of gangs; and she’s on track to graduate high school with honors and go on to college.

jazmin, andoni and shantell aren’t any different from any of you. they faced challenges in their lives just like you do. but they refused to give up. they chose to take responsibility for their education and set goals for themselves. and i expect all of you to do the same.

Code Intercept #14

Code Intercept #15

that’s why today, i’m calling on each of you to set your own goals for your education – and to do everything you can to meet them. your goal can be something as simple as doing all your homework, paying attention in class, or spending time each day reading a book. maybe you’ll decide to get involved in an extracurricular activity, or volunteer in your community. maybe you’ll decide to stand up for kids who are being teased or bullied because of who they are or how they look, because you believe, like i do, that all kids deserve a safe environment to study and learn. maybe you’ll decide to take better care of yourself so you can be more ready to learn. and along those lines, i hope you’ll all wash your hands a lot, and stay home from school when you don’t feel well, so we can keep people from getting the flu this fall and winter.

whatever you resolve to do, i want you to commit to it. i want you to really work at it.

Code Intercept #16

i know that sometimes, you get the sense from tv that you can be rich and successful without any hard work -- that your ticket to success is through rapping or basketball or being a reality tv star, when chances are, you’re not going to be any of those things.

but the truth is, being successful is hard. you won’t love every subject you study. you won’t click with every teacher. not every homework assignment will seem completely relevant to your life right this minute. and you won’t necessarily succeed at everything the first time you try.

Code Intercept #17

that’s ok.  some of the most successful people in the world are the ones who’ve had the most failures. jk rowling’s first harry potter book was rejected twelve times before it was finally published. michael jordan was cut from his high school basketball team, and he lost hundreds of games and missed thousands of shots during his career. but he once said, "i have failed over and over and over again in my life. and that is why i succeed."

these people succeeded because they understand that you can’t let your failures define you – you have to let them teach you. you have to let them show you what to do differently next time. if you get in trouble, that doesn’t mean you’re a troublemaker, it means you need to try harder to behave. if you get a bad grade, that doesn’t mean you’re stupid, it just means you need to spend more time studying.

Code Intercept #18

no one’s born being good at things, you become good at things through hard work. you’re not a varsity athlete the first time you play a new sport. you don’t hit every note the first time you sing a song. you’ve got to practice. it’s the same with your schoolwork. you might have to do a math problem a few times before you get it right, or read something a few times before you understand it, or do a few drafts of a paper before it’s good enough to hand in.

don’t be afraid to ask questions. don’t be afraid to ask for help when you need it. i do that every day. asking for help isn’t a sign of weakness, it’s a sign of strength. it shows you have the courage to admit when you don’t know something, and to learn something new. so find an adult you trust – a parent, grandparent or teacher; a coach or counselor – and ask them to help you stay on track to meet your goals.

Code Intercept #19

and even when you’re struggling, even when you’re discouraged, and you feel like other people have given up on you – don’t ever give up on yourself. because when you give up on yourself, you give up on your country.

the story of america isn’t about people who quit when things got tough. it’s about people who kept going, who tried harder, who loved their country too much to do anything less than their best.

it’s the story of students who sat where you sit 250 years ago, and went on to wage a revolution and found this nation. students who sat where you sit 75 years ago who overcame a depression and won a world war; who fought for civil rights and put a man on the moon. students who sat where you sit 20 years ago who founded google, twitter and facebook and changed the way we communicate with each other.

Code Intercept #20

your families, your teachers, and i are doing everything we can to make sure you have the education you need to answer these questions. i’m working hard to fix up your classrooms and get you the books, equipment and computers you need to learn. but you’ve got to do your part too. so i expect you to get serious this year. i expect you to put your best effort into everything you do. i expect great things from each of you. so don’t let us down – don’t let your family or your country or yourself down. make us all proud. i know you can do it.

thank you, god bless you, and god bless america.

Code Intercept #21

and beyond all those concerns, i know a lot of you are also feeling the strain of some difficult times.  you know what’s going on in the news and you also know what’s going on in some of your own families.  you’ve read about the war in afghanistan.  you hear about the recession that we’ve been through.  and sometimes maybe you’re seeing the worries in your parents’ faces or sense it in their voice.

so a lot of you as a consequence, because we’re going through a tough time a country, are having to act a lot older than you are.  you got to be strong for your family while your brother or sister is serving overseas, or you’ve got to look after younger siblings while your mom is working that second shift.  or maybe some of you who are little bit older, you’re taking on a part-time job while your dad’s out of work.

Code Intercept #22

and that’s a lot to handle.  it’s more than you should have to handle.  and it may make you wonder at times what your own future will look like, whether you’re going to be able to succeed in school, whether you should maybe set your sights a little lower, scale back your dreams.

but i came to masterman to tell all of you what i think you’re hearing from your principal and your superintendent, and from your parents and your teachers:  nobody gets to write your destiny but you.  your future is in your hands.  your life is what you make of it.  and nothing -- absolutely nothing -- is beyond your reach, so long as you’re willing to dream big, so long as you’re willing to work hard.  so long as you’re willing to stay focused on your education, there is not a single thing that any of you cannot accomplish, not a single thing.  i believe that.

Code Intercept #23

and that last part is absolutely essential, that part about really working hard in school, because an education has never been more important than it is today.  i’m sure there are going to be times in the months ahead when you’re staying up late doing your homework or cramming for a test, or you’re dragging yourself out of bed on a rainy morning and you’re thinking, oh, boy, i wish maybe it was a snow day.  (laughter.)

but let me tell you, what you’re doing is worth it.  there is nothing more important than what you’re doing right now.  nothing is going to have as great an impact on your success in life as your education, how you’re doing in school.