



Dear Families:

As we begin the 2020-2021 school year, we are working together to face new challenges and maximize new opportunities. To maintain students' educational access while increasing social distancing and reducing the risk of exposure to COVID-19, some lessons and related services will be livestreamed. Live-streaming classroom lessons or related services (for example, speech therapy, occupational therapy, social work) allows students to observe and participate in sessions remotely.

We will be using Zoom for live-streaming and recording lessons. We have carefully reviewed our agreement with each provider to ensure that its practices are compliant with FERPA privacy rules, in that it has data encryption and other privacy controls that both protect stored data and prevent disclosure to unauthorized parties. We are using best practices to promote security and privacy, limiting access to live-streamed lessons and services to students using protections like private meeting links, passwords, and waiting rooms.

During classroom instruction or related service delivery while school is in session, audio and video recordings and photography are not allowed without the advance permission of the teacher or provider and written consent of the students' parents/guardians. This same standard applies to our remote instruction and related service sessions. Students and parents/guardians must refrain from making audio and/or video recordings of live-streamed lessons and/or related service sessions and from taking photographs of students participating in such instruction, without the express permission of the teacher or a school administrator. If you receive such recordings or photographs from a source other than Noble, delete them and do not post or forward.

Similarly, visitors to virtual classrooms will be treated like visitors to the regular classroom. Accordingly, members of a student's household that may incidentally see parts of live-streamed or recorded lessons do not implicate the privacy rights of other students. However, because visitors can be a significant distraction, especially during live-streamed lessons or related service sessions, any such observation or interaction must be kept to a minimum and must comply with all directives from the teacher and school administrators. If a parent/guardian seeks to do a formal observation or have a private provider do an observation of a live-streamed lesson or related service session, the parent/guardian must contact the campus principal to make arrangements.

No education technology is 100% safe and secure. We are working diligently to provide the best resources for teachers and families and to secure robust data privacy protections that comply with relevant laws and safeguard student information. Please send any questions or concerns to me, your campus principal and/or your campus case manager.

Thank you,

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