

## REMOTE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES NOTIFICATION AND GUIDANCE

Dear ARRSD Parent/Guardian,

As you know, our school district has decided to start the year by having students engage in remote learning until late September and then students who have chosen in-person learning will begin at school. During remote learning, the District will continue to provide students with access to FAPE, Free Appropriate Public Education, and new learning opportunities, which may include, telephone calls, tele/virtual services, video conferencing, pre-recorded lessons, and other online services.

Our goals in developing this remote plan and resources are as follows:

- To make this stressful time more manageable for students and their families.
- To provide high quality instruction and learning activities that accommodates for individual students' and families' needs.
- To ensure instruction and learning activities are focused on students meeting the state standards.

Our online instruction will be presented mainly via Google Classroom, with occasional phone conferencing, email exchanges, posted videos and web-based learning forums. Students are expected to participate in these services. Students will participate in remote learning activities as assigned by their individual school. Schedules will ensure time on learning requirements are met. Please reach out to your school as soon as possible if you anticipate or become aware of any issues with your child accessing the remote opportunities provided by the District.

In accordance with state and federal laws, including the Massachusetts Wiretapping Act and FERPA, parents and students must refrain from recording any and all remote lessons. Exceptions may be made on an individual basis due to special circumstances, and only with the consent of everyone involved in the lesson. In addition, while parents/guardians are permitted to observe online instruction in a non-disruptive manner, to the extent that remote learning opportunities provide access to confidential student information, all participants agree, by participating in this remote learning opportunity, to refrain from disseminating any confidential student information about other student participants with any and all third parties. By participating in the remote learning opportunities, consent to this request is hereby provided.

Similarly, we ask everyone in our school community to recognize that video conferences and other online services may at times take place in and out of the school and connect students in an on-line environment who participate in the calls, and to be mindful of everyone's right to

privacy. To that end, we remind our students to dress appropriately and choose an appropriate location in their home from which to participate in any and all remote learning opportunities, particularly those with a video component. Parents/guardians should take all precautions to safeguard personal or private information that they do not wish to be disclosed.

Students will be expected to behave in accordance with school rules of conduct while participating in remote instruction. Cyber-bullying, harassment, discrimination, and abuse of the remote learning processes will not be tolerated and may result in suspension from remote learning, as well as additional consequences when school resumes. The District also encourages its staff and students alike to limit disruptions to remote lessons to the extent feasible (while also recognizing that sometimes pets, small children, and technical difficulties cannot be prevented from disrupting a lesson that happens).

Special education teachers, ELL/SEI teachers, and individual service providers will continue to be in contact with parents/guardians of students with specialized learning needs regarding necessary modifications to the remote instruction opportunities offered to other members of an individual student's class, as well as to discuss updates to direct and group service provisions. Parents/guardians should expect that access to materials is predominately being provided through electronic means. By accessing these services, the District recognizes that you and your child consent to access online instruction and agree to fully comply with the requirements of this letter. We appreciate your time and attention to this notice.

Sincerely,

Darcy Fernandes  
Superintendent of Schools

I do not agree to above terms.

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

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Student Signature